

Saint Stephen Maronite Catholic Church

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Weekend Liturgy: Sunday 12:30 PM

Location 4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd, Waxhaw, NC 28173

Daily Liturgy: At 2951 Brookridge Lane, Charlotte, NC 28211

Monday 6:30 PM (St Sharbel Liturgy & Novena)

Wednesday 6:30 PM (St Rafka Liturgy & Novena)

Thursday & Friday 10:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Thursday @ 11 AM

PARISH MISSION

The Mission of Saint Stephen Maronite Catholic Church, is to be anchored in the Lord Jesus Christ & the Teachings of the Catholic Church. United in Love & Faith, We Welcome with Open Arms and Hearts all Our Brothers and Sisters to join Our Family, God's Family.

BAPTISM & CHRISMATIONS: Please contact Fr. Rodolph for the proper preparation.

MARRIAGES: Preparations are needed at least 6 (six) months in advance.

CONFESSIONS: Available before and after the Divine Liturgy and anytime upon request.

SICK CALLS: If someone is sick, hospitalized, homebound or in a Nursing Home, please contact Fr. Rodolph to let him know.

MASS INTENTIONS : Call (704) 412-1016 or email:

saintstephenmaronitechurch@gmail.com

**1st Sunday after Holy Cross
September 20th, 2026**

2Timothy 2:1-10 Mark 10:35-45

Festival of Lebanon

Friday & Saturday, Sept. 25th & 26th

Friday 4pm-8pm / Saturday 11am- 9:30pm

St. Matthew's Gym 8015 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy

For Information,

Call: Church: 704-412-1016 or Roger: 704-236-4994

Email: saintstephenmaronitechurch@gmail.com

Follow us: @ St. Stephen Maronite Church Catholic Church

Important Festival Volunteers Meeting

Meeting for All Volunteers

Thursday Sep 24th at 6:30pm at the Family Room

At St Matthew Ballantyne (Near the Gym & Kitchen)

NEW COMMERS: Welcome to your family.

Please make yourself at home. When you are with us , you are not a guest, you are one of us.



To Offer the Mass for your loved ones
(Living or Deceased) email:
saintstephenmaronitechurch@gmail.com
Or call: **(704) 412-1016**

Sun. 9.20.2026 @ 12:30PM	4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd	For a Successful Festival
Mon. 9.21.26 @ 6:30PM	2951 Brookridge Ln	St Sharbel Liturgy & Novena
Wed. 9.23.26 @ 6:30PM	2951 Brookridge Ln	St. Rafka Liturgy & Novena
Thu. 9.24.26 @ 10:00AM	2951 Brookridge Ln	Liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary
Fri. 9.25.26 @ 10:00AM	2951 Brookridge Ln	
Sun. 9.27.2026 @ 12:30PM	4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd	

Collection 9/13/2026

Church Collection	1,185.00
Online Weekly	\$80.00
Online Monthly	\$600.00

Total \$1,865.00

May God bless you for your Generosity

Church Attendance:

Sunday 9/13/2026: 80 People



Sign up for online giving.

It is easy. Set it up once and you don't have to worry about it again!

Annual Budget (\$7,500 X 12 Months) **\$90,000.00**

Weekly Budget (90,000 ÷ 52 weeks) **\$1,730.00**

Last week's Income **\$1,865.00**

Collected to Date **\$34,975.00**

Donations **\$1,160.00**

Total Income **\$36,135.00**

Needed to meet Budget: \$53,865.00

Please keep in your Prayers:

Deacon Frank Enderle, Mary Shaheen
and Aleena Tashjian.

Please let Fr Rodolph know of anyone who is sick, undergoing surgery, homebound or in Nursing Home so that we can all pray for them. Fr. Rodolph would bring them Holy Communion and/or give them the anointing of the Sick.
Please Call Fr Rodolph: **704-412-1016**

Sunday's Readings

1st Sunday after Holy Cross



1 Timothy 2:1-10

So you, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And what you heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will have the ability to teach others as well. Bear your share of hardship along with me like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. To satisfy the one who recruited him, a soldier does not become entangled in the business affairs of life. Similarly, an athlete cannot receive the winner's crown except by competing according to the rules. The hardworking farmer ought to have the first share of the crop. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.

Mark 10:35-45

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish [me] to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**YOUR WORD IS A
LAMP TO MY FEET
AND A LIGHT TO
MY PATH.**

PSALMS 119:105

Parish News

Festival Dabke Dance Groups

We have two Dabke dance groups.

1- Children (up to 13 years old)

2- Youth and Adults

Come and watch them perform at our Festival

If you or your children would like to participate in the future,
please let Rita, Monica, or Claudia know after Mass.

First Communion Registration

Registration for First Communion is now open.

Sign-up Sheet is available in the vestibule

If your child is eligible or you would like more information,
please see Fr Rodolph after Mass.

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Hospitality Sign up

Sep. 20: _____

Sep. 27: _____

Oct. 4: _____

Oct. 11: _____

Oct. 18: _____

Oct. 25: _____

Nov. 1: _____

Nov. 8: _____

***** Thank You *****

Sign up Sheet is on the table in the Lobby.

+++ May God bless you for your generosity and support +++

FALL 2026 DISCERNMENT SERIES

With the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light

Join the Sisters and single young adult women (ages 18-39) for a five-week discernment series via zoom. See below for the dates and topics.

We invite young adult women open to exploring the religious life with our community to register via the QR code to receive the link to attend this series. What a gift it is to journey with others as they discern God's call for their life!



**September 20, 27,
October 11, 18, 25**

4:00PM TO 5:15PM EST

- ✓ Praying with God's Word (Lectio Divina)
- ✓ 14 Rules of Discernment (St. Ignatius)
- ✓ Hearing God's Voice & Responding to the Call
- ✓ Prayer Tools to better Discern God's will
- ✓ Intimacy as Bride of Christ & Spiritual Mother

Contact Sister Therese Maria if you are interested in learning more or have questions.
Email vocations@maroniteservants.org or call the convent.



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

JANET SMITH, PhD
VIA ZOOM



*Come to be inspired,
encouraged and equipped to
support women and couples
in a natural holistic and
faithful way.*

FERTILITYCARE PROFESSIONALS



DR. PAUL CARPENTIER
MD, CFCMC



DR. SHIRLEY GONZALEZ
MD, CFCP, CFCMC,
ABOM DIPLOMATE



DR. DAMIAN OLSEN
MD, CFCMC



KATHY RIVET
BS, CFCP, CFCE



SATURDAY 9AM -4PM
NOVEMBER 14, 2026



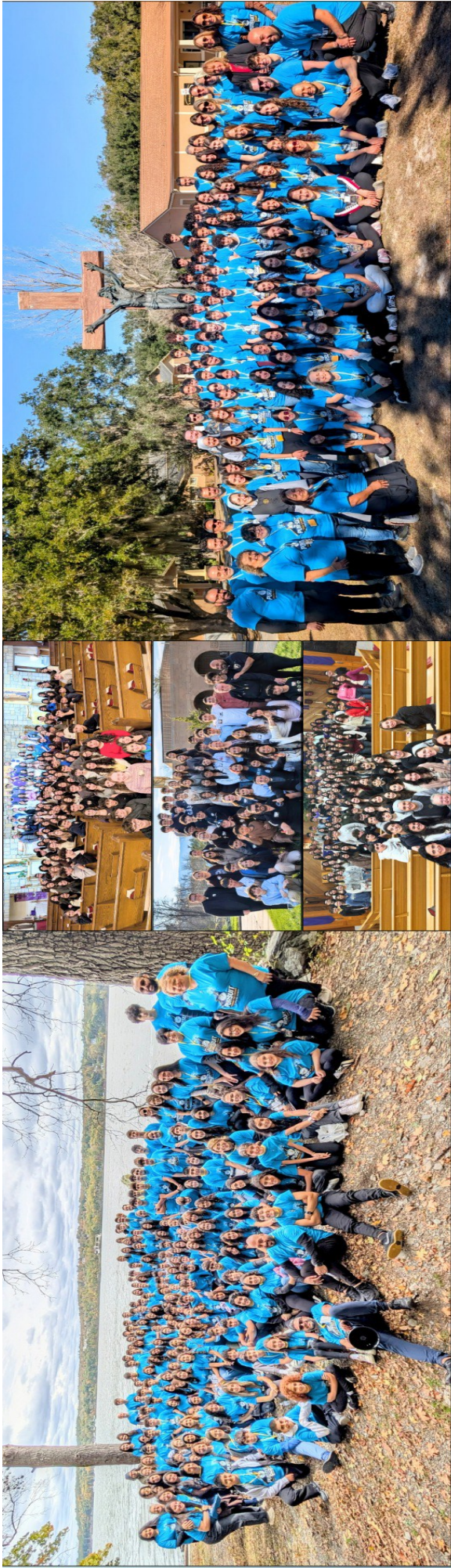
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341 JUNE ST
WORCESTER MA 01602



**MORE INFORMATION AND ONLINE
REGISTRATION ARE AVAILABLE HERE**

WWW.CEDAROFLEBANONFCC.COM





NEW ENGLAND

26
SEP
2026

**YOUTH LEADER
ENRICHMENT DAY**
St. Anthony Church
Lawrence, MA

10-12
OCT
2026

**REGIONAL
WEEKEND RETREAT**
Camp Pontiac
Copake, NY

27
FEB
2027

**LENTE
DAY RETREAT**
St. Anthony Church
Springfield, MA

22-27
JUN
2027

**NATIONAL
MYO CONFERENCE**
(TBD)

MID-ATLANTIC

10-12
OCT
2026

**REGIONAL
WEEKEND RETREAT**
Camp Pontiac
Copake, NY

7
NOV
2026

**YOUTH LEADER
ENRICHMENT DAY**
(TBD)

6
MAR
2027

**LENTE
DAY RETREAT**
Our Lady Star of the East
Pleasantville, NJ

22-27
JUN
2027

**NATIONAL
MYO CONFERENCE**
(TBD)

MID-ATLANTIC

5
DEC
2026

**CHRISTMAS
DAY RETREAT**
Our Lady of Victory
Pittsburgh, PA

19-21
FEB
2027

**REGIONAL
WEEKEND RETREAT**
Camp Weed
Live Oak, FL

22-27
JUN
2027

**NATIONAL
MYO CONFERENCE**
(TBD)

FAR SOUTH

16-18
APR
2027

**EASTER
RETREAT**
St. Anthony Church
Glenn Allen, VA

22-27
JUN
2027

**NATIONAL
MYO CONFERENCE**
(TBD)

19-21
FEB
2027

**REGIONAL
WEEKEND RETREAT**
Camp Weed
Live Oak, FL

SOUTH



**2026 & 2027
EPARCHIAL EVENTS**

