

# 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**

## 6th Sunday of Resurrection

### Mother's Day

## May 10th, 2026

*Romans 10:1-13 Luke 24:36-48*



### Mother's Day Prayer



*We thank you Lord for Mother. She is your precious gift to us. She is your most gentle love embracing us, accepting us as we are, nurturing us, teaching us, defending us and shaping us to be who we are. Because of Mother we come to know your awesomeness and goodness. Bless, Oh Lord, all Mothers, keep them close to your heart, sanctify them. and make them holy. So that they may in turn sanctify the family and the world. Fr. Rodolph*

**2nd Collection Sunday May 17th**

**For Catholic Home Mission Appeal:** This Collection is used for Missions in the U.S.A. Our Eparchy has received grants from USCCB from this collection for several years

### 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](mailto:saintstephenmaronitechurch@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:saintstephenmaronitechurch@gmail.com)  
Or call: **(704) 412-1016**

Sun. 5.10.2026 @ 12:30PM **4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd**

For All Mothers living and deceased

Mon. 5.11.2026 @ 6:30PM **2951 Brookridge Ln** *St Sharbel Liturgy & Novena*

**Feast of the Ascension Holy Day of Obligation Thursday May 14**

**Wednesday May 13 Vigil Mass at 7PM @ St Matthew 4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd, Waxhaw**

**Thursday May 14 Feast Day Mass at 10AM @ The Chapel 2951 Brookridge Ln. Charlotte**

Fri. 5.15.26 @ 10:00AM **2951 Brookridge Ln**

Sunday 5.17.2026 @ 12:30PM **4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd**

For Peace in the World, in Lebanon and the Region



+ Thank you +

### Collection 5/3/2026

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Church Collection                | \$546.00        |
| Online Weekly                    | \$230.00        |
| Online Monthly                   | \$110.00        |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>\$886.00</b> |
| <b>2nd Coll. National Shrine</b> | <b>\$30.00</b>  |

### Church Attendance:

**Sunday 5/3/26: 84 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** **\$886.00**  
**Collected to Date** **\$15,853.00**  
**Donations** **\$125.00**

**Total Income** **\$15,978.00**

**Needed to meet Budget: \$74,022.00**

### Please keep in your Prayers:

Deacon Frank Enderle, Bruce Goldstein, Judge Moossa,  
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 give them the anointing of the Sick and bring them Holy Communion. Please Call Fr Rodolph: **704-412-1016**

## **6th Sunday of Resurrection** **Mother's Day**

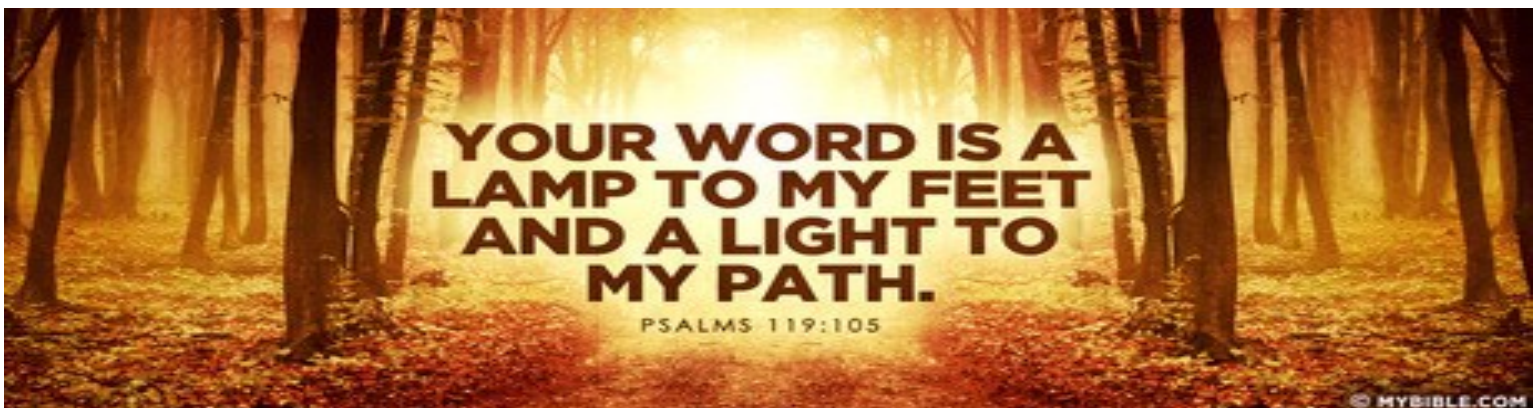


### Romans 10:1-13

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" ' (that is, to bring Christ down)' or "Who will descend into the abyss?" ' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

### Luke 24:36-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.





**Sunday May  
3rd**

**First Holy  
Communion**

**Congratula-  
tions**

**Luka  
Del Pozo**

**Michael  
Hutchens**

**Angelica  
Takle**

**Cecilia Tikle**

**Mila Tikle**

**Parish Council Meeting Thursday, May 21 @ 6:30pm**

**@ St Matthew's 8015 Ballantyne Common Pkwy, Charlotte**

## **Hospitality Sign up**

**May 10: Mother's Day**

**June 7: \_\_\_\_\_**

**May 17: Soudir Family**

**June 14: \_\_\_\_\_**

**May 24: \_\_\_\_\_**

**June 21: \_\_\_\_\_**

**May 31: \_\_\_\_\_**

**June 28: \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*\*\* Thank You \*\*\***

*Sign up Sheet is on the table in the Lobby.*

**May God bless you for your generosity and support.**



# Pathways

Empowering Palestinian Students—New York City 2026

*Join Us*

*For an intimate evening at The Metropolitan Club.  
Transforming lives for Palestinian students.*

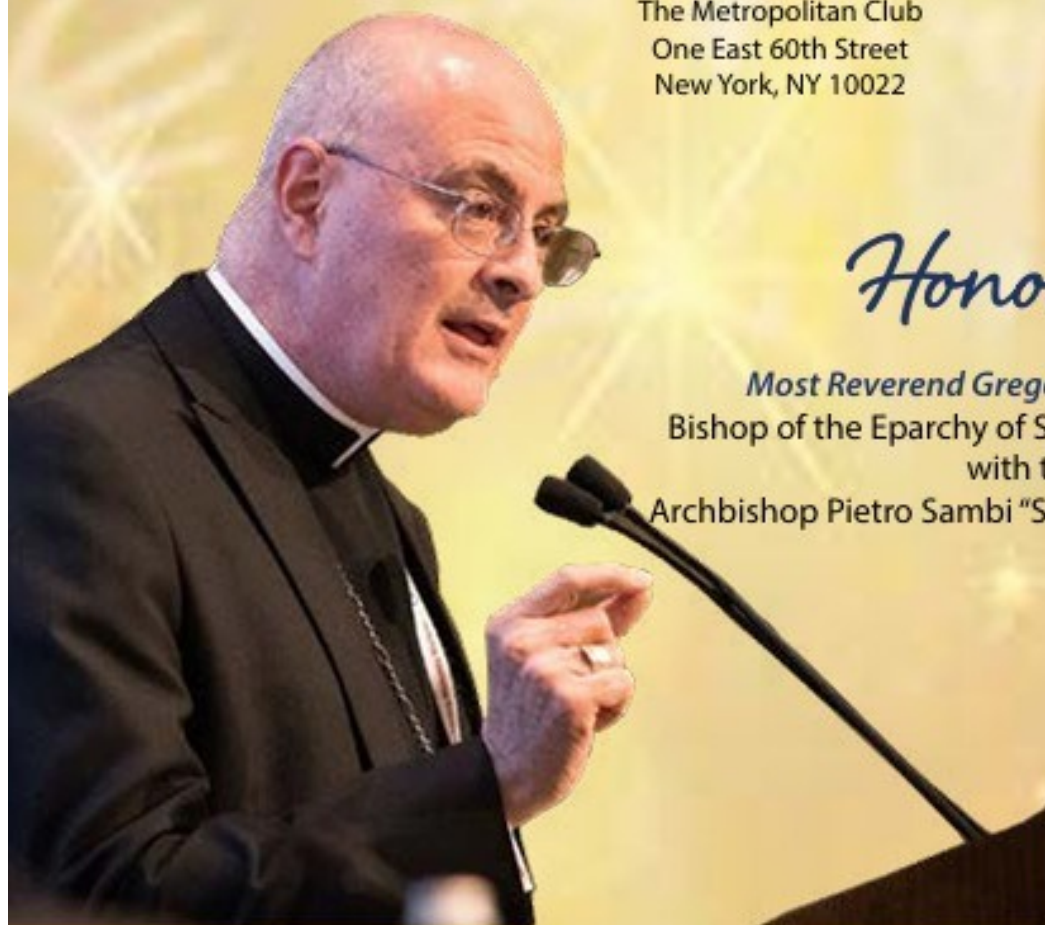
**Wednesday, May 20, 2026**

**6–8 pm**

**The Metropolitan Club**

**One East 60th Street**

**New York, NY 10022**



*Honoring*

**Most Reverend Gregory John Mansour**

**Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn**

**with the**

**Archbishop Pietro Sambi “Star of Bethlehem” Award**

**Host Committee**

Joseph and Meya Abed

Mona Aboelnaga and Sabi Kanaa

Issa and Doris Baconi

Vicki Downey

Wassila Guiga-Lotfi and Sherif Lotfi

George McLendon and Carol Quillen

Salah Saabneh and Lena Diab

**Mission and Partnership Sponsors**

Elias and Annette Aburdene

Issa and Doris Baconi

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# **Parish Picnic & Mass**

**Sunday June 7th 11am - 4pm**

***Divine Liturgy (Mass)@11AM***

**@ Cane Creek, Shelter # 1**



**\*\*\* All Are Welcome \*\*\***



**St. Stephen Maronite  
Catholic Church**

## **PICNIC IN THE PARK**

Join us for a delightful day of fun, food, and festivities!

**Date: Sunday, June 7, 2026**

**Time: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**Liturgy: 11:00 AM**

### **What to Expect:**

- \* BBQ (Burgers & Hot Dogs)
  - \* Music, Dancing & Dabke
  - \* Fun Games for Adults & Kids
- Fun for everyone - All are Welcome!

**50/50 Drawing at 3 PM**

**Tickets \$5 each.**

**Cane Creek Park**

5213 Harkey Rd, Waxhaw, NC 28173

**Shelter #1**

**Park entrance: \$4 per car**

