

# 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**

**Sunday after the Glorious Birth of Our Lord  
December 28, 2024**

*Revelation 21:9-10,21-27   Matthew 2:1-12*



## 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.

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

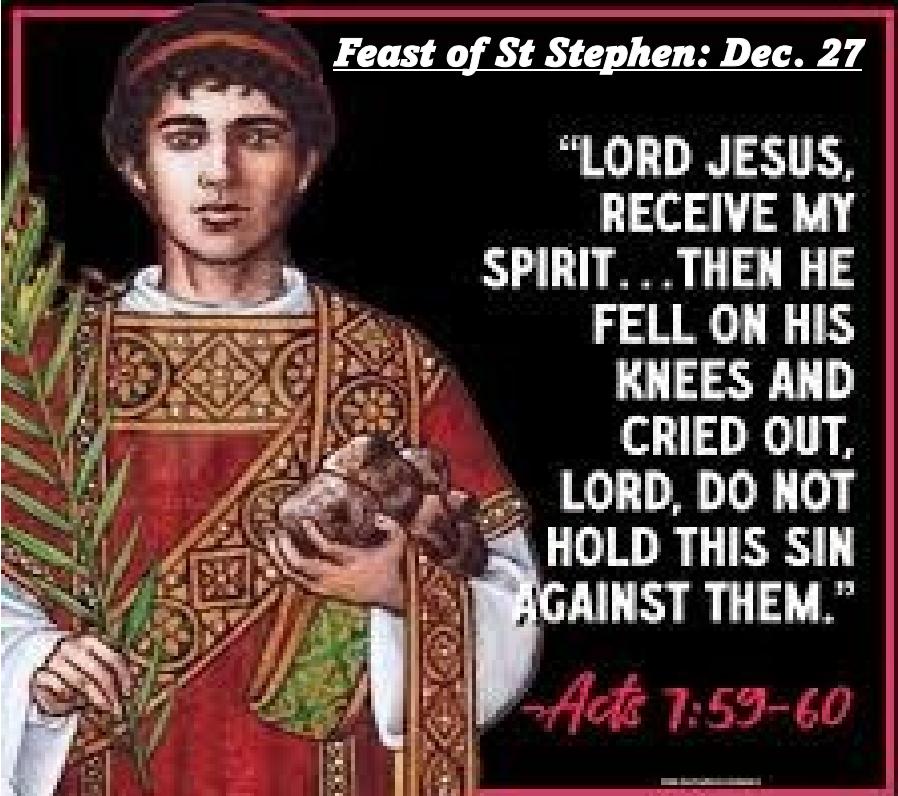
**SICK CALLS:** If someone is sick, hospitalized, homebound or in a Nursing Home, please contact Fr. Rodolph to let him know.

**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. 12.28.2025 @ 12:30PM [4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd](https://www.google.com/maps/place/4116+Waxhaw-Marvin+Rd,+Charlotte,+NC+28211/@35.24111,-78.00001,15z)

For St Stephen's Families and Friends

Mon. 12.29.25 @ 6:30PM [2951 Brookridge Ln](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2951+Brookridge+Ln,+Charlotte,+NC+28211/@35.24111,-78.00001,15z)

[St Sharbel Liturgy & Novena](https://www.google.com/search?q=St+Sharbel+Liturgy+&+Novena)

No Intentions Requested

**New Year's Eve Wed. Dec. 31st @ 6:30pm (at the Chapel 2951 Brookridge Ln)**

**New Year's Day Thur. Jan. 1st @ 12:30 PM (at 4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd)**

Fri. 1.2.2026 @ 10:00AM [2951 Brookridge Ln](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2951+Brookridge+Ln,+Charlotte,+NC+28211/@35.24111,-78.00001,15z)

No Intentions Requested

Sunday 1.4.2026 @ 12:30PM [4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd](https://www.google.com/maps/place/4116+Waxhaw-Marvin+Rd,+Charlotte,+NC+28211/@35.24111,-78.00001,15z)

Feast of St Stephen, the 1st Martyr (Dec. 27)

### **Christmas Dinner**

**Little Store: \$581.00**

**Christmas Raffle: \$575.00**

**Donations: \$ 1,366.00**

**Baklawa Sale: 400.00**

**Gross Income: \$2,928.00**

**Approx. Expenses: \$201.00**

#### **Approx. Net Income:**

**\$2,721.00**

### **Collection 12/21/2025**

Church Collection	\$942.00
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Online Weekly	\$80.00
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Online Monthly	\$0.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,022.00</b>
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<b>Christmas</b>	<b>1,030.00</b>
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**Annual Budget (\$7,500 x 12 Months) \$90,000.00**

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

**Last week's Income \$2,052.00**

**Collected to Date \$48,550.00**

**Donations \$11,550.00**

**Grant from Catholic Extension \$8,000.00**

**Festival Net Profit \$32,900.00**

**Christmas Dinner \$2,721.00**

**Total Income \$103,721.00**

**Over Budget: \$13,721.00**

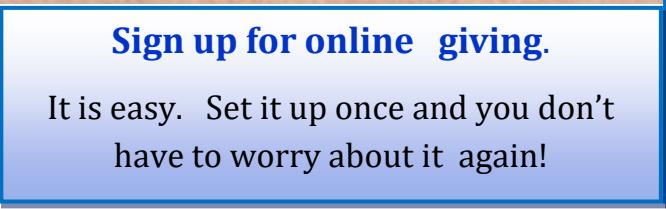
### **Please keep in your Prayers:**

Deacon Frank Enderle, Pina Habbal, 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

**Sign up for online giving.**

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



## **Sunday after the Glorious Birth of Our Lord**



### Revelation 21:9-10, 21-27

One of the seven angels who held the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come here. I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." He took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made from a single pearl; and the street of the city was of pure gold, transparent as glass. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light,\* and to it the kings of the earth will bring their treasure. During the day its gates will never be shut, and there will be no night there. The treasure and wealth of the nations will be brought there, but nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who does abominable things or tells lies. Only those will enter whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

### Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Your word is a lamp to my feet  
And a light to my path.  
Psa. 119:105

# Parish News

## Epiphany's Bake Sale

**Sunday January 4th after the 12:30pm Liturgy**

*Traditional Epiphany Dessert will be sold after the 12:30pm Mass*

*You don't want to miss the delicious homemade dessert*

*prepared by Saint Stephen Church Members*

*Plan to be there and enjoy this once a year dessert*

## New Year's Liturgies Schedule

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**New Year's Day** Thur. Jan. 1st @ 12:30 PM *(at 4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd)*

## Parish Council Meeting

**Thursday, January 15 @ 6:30pm**

**@ St Matthew's Ballantyne, Room # 206**

## Hospitality Sign up

Dec. 28: The Hutchens Family

Jan. 25: \_\_\_\_\_

Jan. 4: Epiphany Bake Sale

Feb. 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Jan. 11: \_\_\_\_\_

Feb. 8: \_\_\_\_\_

Jan. 18: \_\_\_\_\_

Feb. 15: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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