

# 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**

**3rd Sunday of Resurrection**  
**April 19, 2026**

*2 Timothy 2:8-13      Luke 24:13-35*

## 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.

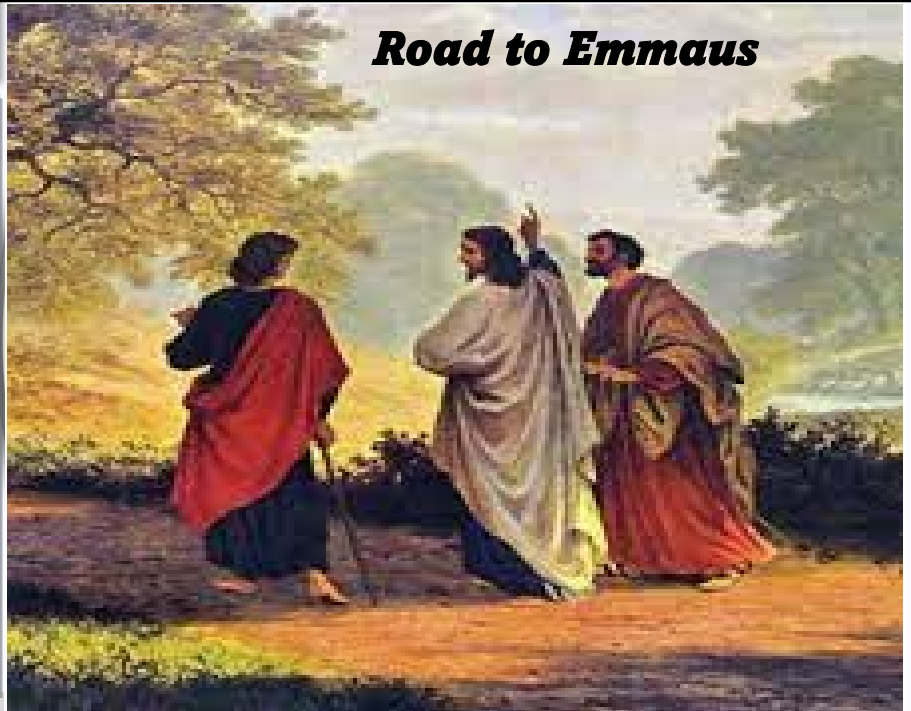
**SICK CALLS:** If someone is sick, hospitalized, homebound or in a Nursing Home, please contact Fr. Rodolph to let him know.

**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.

## Road to Emmaus



**2nd Collection Sunday May 3rd**

**For the National Shrine of Lebanon in North Jackson, Ohio**



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

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun. 4.19.2026 @ 12:30PM   | 4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd | For End of War & Peace in the World Specially Lebanon |
| Mon. 4.20.2026 @ 6:30PM    | 2951 Brookridge Ln    | St Sharbel Liturgy & Novena                           |
| Wed. 4.22.2026 @ 6:30PM    | 2951 Brookridge Ln    | St. Rafka Liturgy & Novena                            |
| Thu. 4.23.2026 @ 10:00AM   | 2951 Brookridge Ln    | Liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary               |
| Fri. 4.24.2026 @ 10:00AM   | 2951 Brookridge Ln    |                                                       |
| Sunday 4.26.2026 @ 12:30PM | 4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd | No Intentions Requested                               |

+ Thank you +



May God bless you for your Generosity

## Special Thanks

Special Thanks to **Luka Del Pozo**  
for donating \$25 that he raised  
from selling Lemonade.

## Church Attendance:

Sunday 4/12/26: 50 People



Sign up for online giving.

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

## Collection 4/12/2026

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Church Collection | \$450.00        |
| Online Weekly     | \$80.00         |
| Online Monthly    | \$300.00        |
|                   |                 |
| <b>Donation</b>   | <b>\$25.00</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>\$855.00</b> |

Annual Budget (\$7,500 X 12 Months) **\$90,000.00**  
Weekly Budget (90,000 ÷ 52 weeks) **\$1,730.00**

Last week's Income **\$830.00**  
Collected to Date **\$13,099.00**  
**Donations** **\$125.00**

**Total Income** **\$13,224.00**

**Needed to meet Budget: \$76,776.00**

## Please keep in your Prayers:

Deacon Frank Enderle, Bruce Goldstein, 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**



## 3rd Sunday of the Resurrection



### 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful for he cannot deny himself.

### Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

PSALMS 119:105

# Parish News

## **Easter Donation In Memory of:**

**- Joseph and Louise Moossa**

**- Henry and Helen Nason**

***Eternal Rest Grant them, Lord. May your Perpetual Light Shine upon them***

## **Next Parish Council Meeting**

**Thursday, May 21 @ 6:30pm**

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

## **First Communion Classes**

**Classes are every Sunday at 11am**

**First Holy Communion is**

**Sunday May 3rd @ 12:30PM**

**For information contact:**

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## **Hospitality Sign up**

**April 19:** \_\_\_\_\_

**May 17:** \_\_\_\_\_

**April 26:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**May 3: First Holy Communion**

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

**May 10: Mother's Day**

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

**\*\*\* 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.*

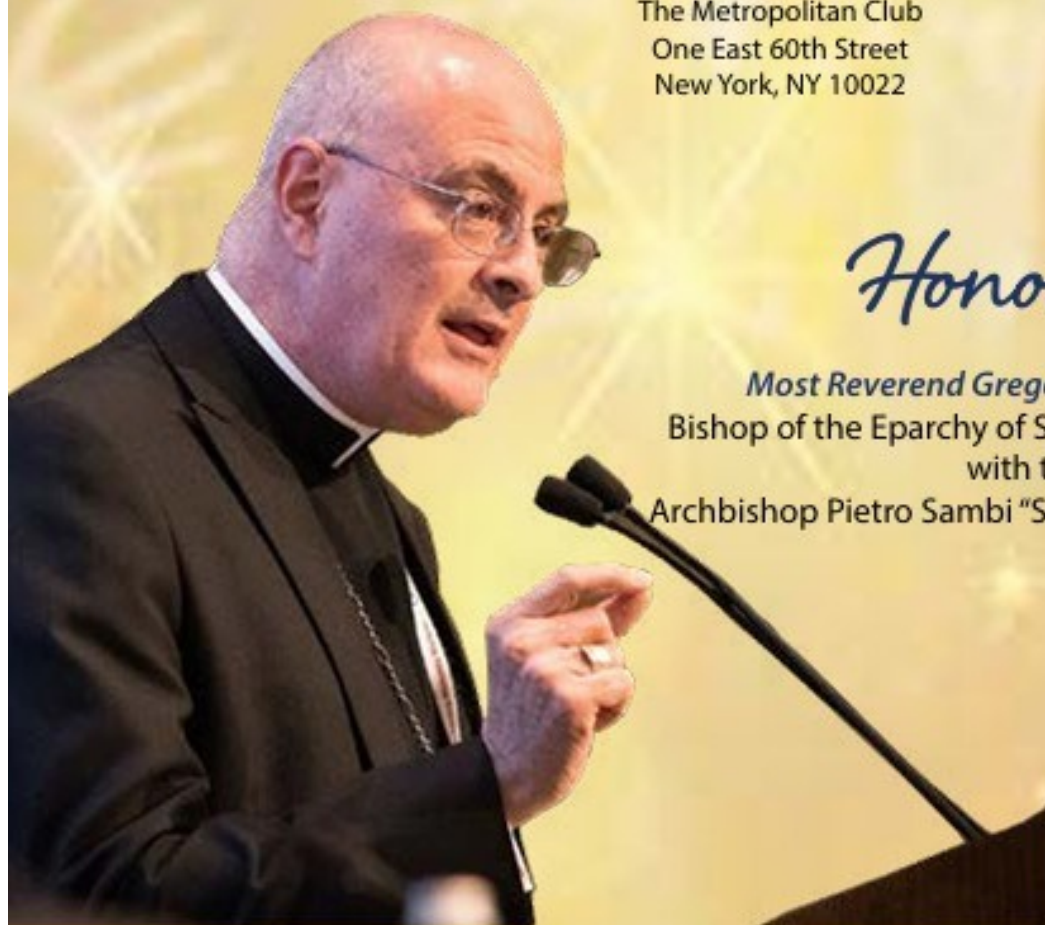
**Wednesday, May 20, 2026**

**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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*Education Changes the Path*

[For more information](#)

THE FAMILY AND SANCTITY OF LIFE OFFICE PRESENTS

# “NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH: END OF LIFE MATTERS.”



TUESDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>



8:00 PM



Don't miss this live zoom with  
Guest Speakers,  
Bishop Gregory Mansour,  
Vivian Akel LCSW, and  
Dr. Anne Borik!



Zoom Meeting id: 848 1578 7757  
passcode: 112424

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