

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

Healing of the Paralytic

March 15th, 2026

1 Timothy 5:24-6:5 Mark 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.

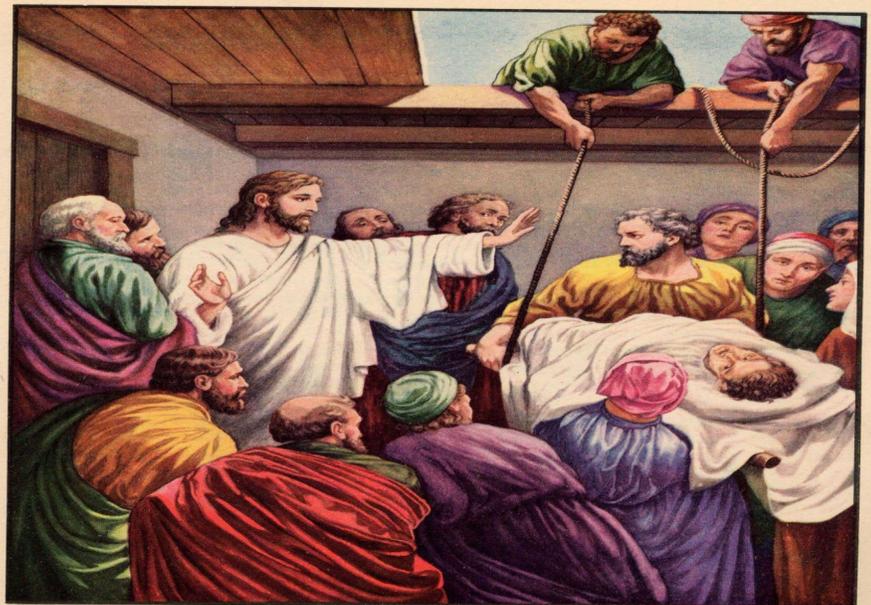
CONFESSIONS: Available before and after the Divine Liturgy and anytime upon request.

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

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.



Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Every Friday of Lent @ 7PM

@ St. Matthew 4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd



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

Sun. 3.15.2026 @ 12:30PM	4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd	For the Soul of Fr Pierre El-Rahi
Mon. 3.16.2026 @ 6:30PM	2951 Brookridge Ln	St Sharbel Liturgy & Novena
Wed. 3.18.2026 @ 6:30PM	2951 Brookridge Ln	St. Rafka Liturgy & Novena
Thu. 3.19.2026 @ 10:00AM	2951 Brookridge Ln	Feast of St Joseph Liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary
Fri. 3.20.2026 @ 10:00AM	2951 Brookridge Ln	No Intentions Requested
Sunday 3.22.2026 @ 12:30PM	4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd	No Intentions Requested



Collection 3/8/2026	
Church Collection	\$470.00
Online Weekly	\$230.00
Online Monthly	\$310.00
Total	\$1010.00
Donation	\$100.00

Church Attendance:
Sunday 3/8/2026: 62 People

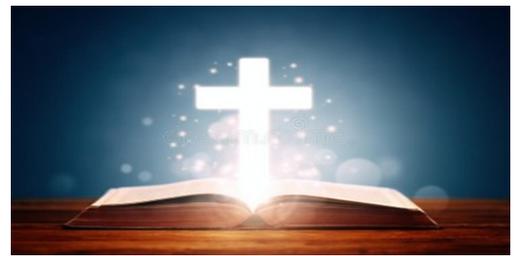


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Annual Budget (\$7,500 X 12 Months)	\$90,000.00
Weekly Budget (90,000 ÷ 52 weeks)	\$1,730.00
Last week's Income	\$1010.00
Collected to Date	\$8,629.00
Donations	\$100.00
Total Income	\$8.729.00
Needed to meet Budget:	\$81,271.00

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**

Healing of the Paralytic



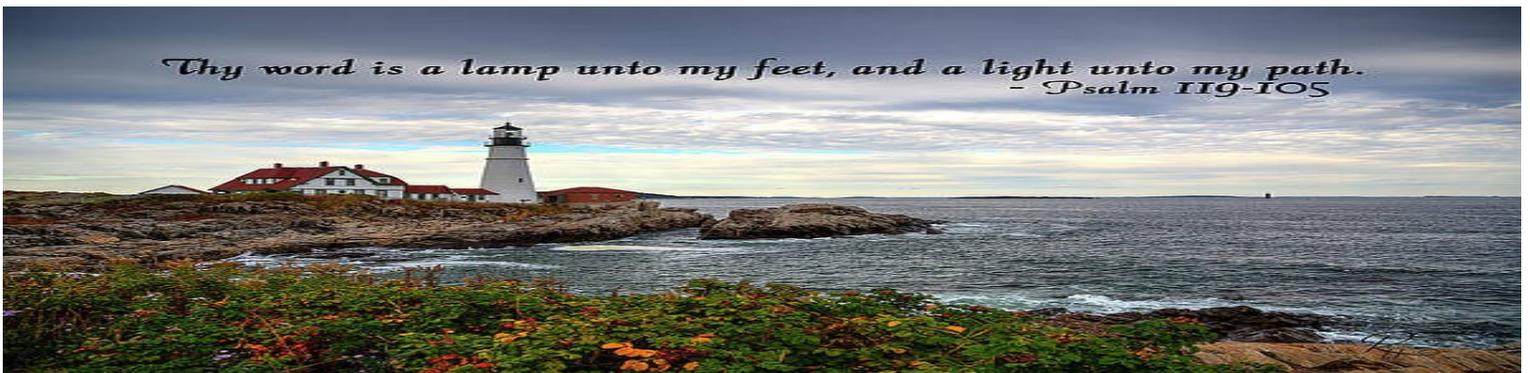
Timothy 5:24-25,6:1-5

The sins of some people are conspicuous and precede them to judgement, while the sins of others follow them there. So also good works are conspicuous; and even when they are not, they cannot remain hidden. Let all who are under the yoke of slavery regard their masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be blasphemed. Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful to them on the ground that they are members of the church; rather they must serve them all the more, since those who benefit by their service are believers and beloved. Teach and urge these duties. Whoever teaches otherwise and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that is in accordance with godliness, is conceited, understanding nothing, and has a morbid craving for controversy and for disputes about words. From these come envy, dissension, slander, base suspicions, and wrangling among those who are depraved in mind and bereft of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

Mark 2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins' he said to the paralytic 'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
- Psalm 119-105*



Lenten Observances 2026

The Most Reverend Bishops Gregory J. Mansour and A. Elias Zaidan have issued the following Lenten guidelines for the Maronites of the United States.

Fasting and Abstinence

+ All Maronites who are physically capable are to **abstain** from meat on **Ash Monday** (16 February 2026) and all **Fridays of Lent**.

+ **Ash Monday** and **Great Friday of the Crucifixion** (3 April 2026) are also days of **fasting**. Fasting in the Maronite Church involves **eating and drinking nothing** at all (except water and medicine) from **midnight until noon**. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat. All Maronites who are physically capable should fast on these two days.

Distribution of Ashes

All parish priests are to bless and distribute ashes on **Ash Monday** during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy as indicated in our liturgical books. This ceremony may **not** be celebrated on the vigil of Ash Monday (Cana Sunday). For the convenience of some faithful of the Latin Church who may come to the Divine Liturgy at a Maronite Church on their Ash Wednesday, ashes that were blessed on Monday may be given to them after the Divine Liturgy. However, ashes are **not** to be blessed again on this day.

Lenten Services

All parish priests are to celebrate the **Benediction with the Cross** every **Friday of Lent** except for the Great Friday of the Crucifixion. This service may be preceded by **Evening Prayer** (*Ramsho*), **Stations of the Cross**, or even the **Divine Liturgy**. Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament should not take place on the Fridays of Lent.

Traditional Fasting Discipline

Clergy, religious and laity who wish to observe the more **traditional** Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are **encouraged** to do so.

That practice is summarized in the following, taken from current **Maronite Particular Law**:

Every weekday of Lent (Monday through Friday) is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products (eggs, butter, milk, etc.). Fasting involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat or dairy products. Dairy products are excluded because they are animal byproducts. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstaining, as are the following feast days: St. Joseph (19 March) and the Annunciation (25 March).



Hospitality Sign up

March 15: Joseph & Bertine Francis

April 12: _____

March 22: Pierre & Madeleine Haddad

April 19: _____

March 29: Palm Sunday

April 26: _____

April 5: Easter

May 3: _____

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

Sign up Sheet is on the table in the Lobby.

May God bless you for your generosity and support.

SECOND ANNUAL



Flourish

Women's Retreat
April 17 - 19, 2026

Restored, Refreshed & Renewed in Christ

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" 2 Cor 3:17

 The St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center, Pittsburgh, PA

 Hotel Block: Double Tree Hilton



Registration fee: \$155

Space is limited, be sure to register by April 3rd.
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With Keynote Speaker,

*Johnnette Benkovic
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JAMAICA PLAINS, MA

MAR 14 MID-ATLANTIC

OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH
EASTON, PA

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SAINT ELIAS CHURCH
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