

# 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**

**Hosanna Sunday/ Palm Sunday**

**March 29nd, 2026**

*Philippians 1:1-13 John 12:12-22*

**Please be Generous in supporting our  
2026 ANNUAL BISHOP'S CHARITY APPEAL**

**Holy Week March 30th - April 5th**

- ◆ Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at **7PM** @ the Chapel 2951 Brookridge Lane
- ◆ **Holy Thursday** at **7PM** @ St Matthew 4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd
- ◆ **Good Friday** at **7PM** @ **St Matthew Chapel** 8015 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy
- ◆ Holy Saturday at 11AM Service of Forgiveness @ St Matthew, 4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd
- ◆ **Easter Sunday** at 12:30 PM @ St Matthew 4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd

**1st Banns of Marriage** is announced between Mario Bouchedid and Tricia Reene Bair. If anyone has a reason for this Marriage not to take place please inform Fr Rodolph.



## 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. 3.29.2026 @ 12:30PM [4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd](#) For the Parishioners of St Stephen Church

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✦ Thank you ✦



May God bless you for your Generosity

### **Collection 3/22/2026**

Church Collection	\$520.00
Online Weekly	\$230.00
Online Monthly	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>

### **Church Attendance:**

**Sunday 3/22/2026: 50 People**

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

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

**Last week's Income \$750.00**

**Collected to Date \$9,819.00**

**Donations \$100.00**

**Total Income \$9,919.00**

**Needed to meet Budget: \$80,081.00**

### **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](tel: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's Readings

# Hosanna Sunday/ Palm Sunday



### Philippians 1:1-13

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. I want you to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ.

### John 12:12-22

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord the King of Israel!' Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, 'You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!' Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.



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

PSALMS 119:105

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### **Holy Land Collection - Good Friday, April 3rd**

Part of this Collection is sent through the USCCB to the Holy Land and another part is sent directly to Maronite Eparchy of Haifa

### **Parish Council Meeting Thursday, April 16 @ 6:30pm**

@ St Matthew's Ballantyne, Room # 206

### **First Communion Classes**

Classes are every Sunday at 11am

**First Holy Communion is scheduled for**  
**Sunday May 3rd @ 12:30PM**

**For information contact:**

**Email:** [sainstephenmaronitechurch@gmail.com](mailto:sainstephenmaronitechurch@gmail.com) **or** **call:** 412-853-8494

### **Hospitality Sign up**

**March 29:** Palm Sunday

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

**April 5:** Easter

**May 3:** First Communion

**April 12:** \_\_\_\_\_

**May 10:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**\*\*\* 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.  
Use QR code below!



With Keynote Speaker,

*Johnnette Benkovic Williams*

Join us for this uplifting Retreat with special guest Johnnette Williams, Founder of Women of Grace® & EWTN TV and Radio Host.

For more information Contact:  
Linda DiNardo George (540)520-1679

A green background with a white scalloped border. Inside the border is a pink area with text. There are several colorful Easter eggs (blue, pink, yellow, purple) and a pair of white bunny ears scattered around the text.

**CALLING ALL CHILDREN!!  
ST. STEPHEN  
EASTER EGGHUNT  
SUNDAY APRIL 5 AFTER  
12:30 LITURGY  
BRING YOUR BASKETS  
AND COME HAVE SOME  
FUN**