

# 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***

## 2nd Sunday after Holy Cross

## September 27th, 2026

*1Corinthians 15:19-34 Matthew 24:1-14*

### 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.

## Festival of Lebanon

**We thank God for blessing us with a great and successful Festival**

May God bless all our wonderful volunteers, hard working people & Benefactors who made this Festival an amazing Success.

May the Lord reward you abundantly and bless you & all your loved ones.




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

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| **Sun. 9.27.2026 @ 12:30PM** | 4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd | Thanksgiving to the Lord for a Blessed Festival |
| Mon. 9.28.26 @ **6:30PM** | ***2951 Brookridge Ln*** | *St Sharbel Liturgy & Novena* |
| Wed. 9.30.26 @ **6:30PM** | ***2951 Brookridge Ln*** | *St. Rafka Liturgy & Novena* |
| Thu. 10.1.26 @ **10:00AM** | ***2951 Brookridge Ln*** | Liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary |
| Fri. 10.2.26 @ **10:00AM** | ***2951 Brookridge Ln*** | |
| **Sun. 10.4.2026 @ 12:30PM** | 4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd | |

## Collection 9/20/2026

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| Church Collection | 450.00 |
| Online Weekly | $230.00 |
| Online Monthly | $0.00 |
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| **Total** | **$680.00** |

May God bless you for your Generosity

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

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

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| **Last week's Income** | **$680.00** |
| **Collected to Date** | **$35,655.00** |
| **Donations** | **$1,160.00** |
| **Total Income** | **$36,815.00** |

**Needed to meet Budget: $53,185.00**

## Church Attendance:

**Sunday 9/20/2026: 45 People**




**Sign up for online giving.**

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

## Please keep in your Prayers:

Deacon Frank Enderle, 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 bring them Holy Communion and/or give them the anointing of the Sick.
Please Call Fr Rodolph: 704-412-1016

## Sunday's Readings



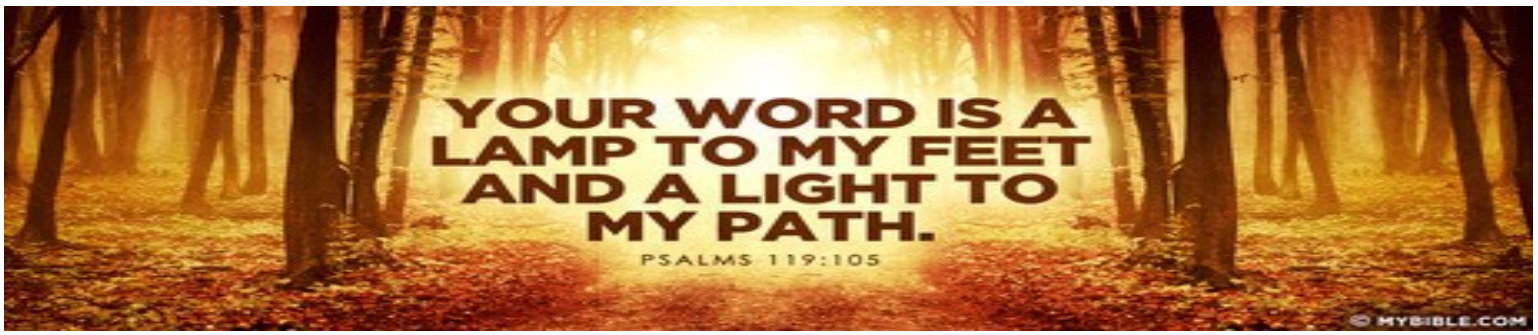
# 2nd Sunday after Holy Cross

### 1 Corinthians 15:19:34

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet." But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will [also] be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all. Otherwise, what will people accomplish by having themselves baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, then why are they having themselves baptized for them? Moreover, why are we endangering ourselves all the time? Every day I face death; I swear it by the pride in 4 you [brothers] that I have in Christ Jesus our Lord. If at Ephesus I fought with beasts, so to speak, what benefit was it to me? If the dead are not raised: " Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die. "Do not be led astray: "Bad company corrupts good morals." Become sober as you ought and stop sinning. For some have no knowledge of God; I say this to your shame.

### Matthew 24:1-14

Jesus left the temple area and was going away, when his disciples approached him to point out the temple buildings. He said to them in reply, "You see all these things, do you not? Amen, I say to you, there will not be left here a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." As he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached him privately and said, "Tell us, when will this happen, and what sign will there be of your coming, and of the end of the age?" Jesus said to them in reply, "See that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah,' and they will deceive many. You will hear of wars and reports of wars; see that you are not alarmed, for these things must happen, but it will not yet be the end. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be famines and earthquakes from place to place. All these are the beginning of the labor pains. Then they will hand you over to persecution, and they will kill you. You will be hated by all nations because of my name. And then many will be led into sin; they will betray and hate one another. Many false prophets will arise and deceive many; and because of the increase of evildoing, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the world as a witness to all nations, and then the end will come.



# Parish News

## First Communion Registration

Registration for First Communion is still open.

Sign-up Sheet is in the vestibule after the 12:30pm Sunday Mass.

**Tentatively,** Classes will start on Sunday October 25th at 11AM

## Subscribe to our You Tube Channel:

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## Donate to our Bldg Fund

https://tinyurl.com/StStephenBuilding

## Hospitality Sign up

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| Sep. 20: _____ | Oct. 18: _____ |
| Sep. 27: _____ | Oct. 25: _____ |
| Oct. 4: _____ | Nov. 1: _____ |
| Oct. 11: _____ | Nov. 8: _____ |

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

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

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

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**ABOM DIPLOMATE**



**DR. DAMIAN OLSEN**
**MD, CFCMC**



**KATHY RIVET**
**BS, CFCP, CFCE**

**SATURDAY 9AM -4PM**
**NOVEMBER 14, 2026**

**OUR LADY OF MERCY**
**341 JUNE ST**
**WORCESTER MA 01602**

MORE INFORMATION AND ONLINE REGISTRATION ARE AVAILABLE HERE

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# FALL 2026 DISCERNMENT SERIES

*With the*

# Maronite Servants of Christ the Light



Join the Sisters and single young adult women (ages 18-39) for a five-week discernment series via zoom. See below for the dates and topics.

We invite young adult women open to exploring the religious life with our community to register via the QR code to receive the link to attend this series. What a gift it is to journey with others as they discern God's call for their life!

## September 20, 27, October 11, 18, 25

## 4:00PM TO 5:15PM EST

- Praying with God's Word (Lectio Divina)
- 14 Rules of Discernment (St. Ignatius)
- Hearing God's Voice & Responding to the Call
- Prayer Tools to better Discern God's will
- Intimacy as Bride of Christ & Spiritual Mother



Contact Sister Therese Maria if you are interested in learning more or have questions.
Email vocations@maroniteservants.org or call the convent.

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