

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

**The Finding of Our Lord
in the Temple**

January 4th, 2026

Hebrews 7:11-19 Luke 2:41-52



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Feast of the glorious Epiphany - Tue. Jan. 6th

(Holy Day of Obligation)

- Vigil Mass Monday Jan. 5th @ 6:30pm

(at the Chapel 2951 Brookridge Ln)

- Epiphany Day Tue. Jan. 6th @ 6:30 PM

(at 4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd)

Blessing of Holy Water is at Both Masses



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

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
Or call: (704) 412-1016

Sun. 1.4.2026 @ 12:30PM [4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd](https://www.google.com/maps/place/4116+Waxhaw-Marvin+Rd,+Charlotte,+NC+28211/@35.25117,-78.00001,15z)

For St Stephen's Families and Friends

Tuesday January 6th Feast of the glorious Epiphany (Holy Day of Obligation)

- Vigil Mass Monday Jan. 5th @ 6:30pm (at the Chapel 2951 Brookridge Ln)
- Epiphany Day Tue. Jan. 6th @ 6:30 PM (at 4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd)

Wed. 1.7.2026 @ 6:30PM [2951 Brookridge Ln](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2951+Brookridge+Ln,+Charlotte,+NC+28211/@35.25117,-78.00001,15z)

Thu. 1.8.2026 @ 10:00AM [2951 Brookridge Ln](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2951+Brookridge+Ln,+Charlotte,+NC+28211/@35.25117,-78.00001,15z) No Intentions Requested

Fri. 1.9.2026 @ 10:00AM [2951 Brookridge Ln](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2951+Brookridge+Ln,+Charlotte,+NC+28211/@35.25117,-78.00001,15z) No Intentions Requested

Sunday 1.11.2026 @ 12:30PM [4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd](https://www.google.com/maps/place/4116+Waxhaw-Marvin+Rd,+Charlotte,+NC+28211/@35.25117,-78.00001,15z) No Intentions Requested

Good News

2025 Budget was met with Surplus of \$14,677.00



May God bless you for your Generosity

Collection 12/28/2025

Church Collection	\$426.00
Online Weekly	\$230.00
Total	\$656.00
Donations	\$300.00

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

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

Last week's Income	\$656.00
Collected to Date	\$49,206.00
Donations	\$11,850.00
Grant from Catholic Extension	\$8,000.00
Festival Net Profit	\$32,900.00
Christmas Dinner	\$2,721.00
Total Income	\$104,677.00
Over Budget:	\$14,677.00

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!



The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

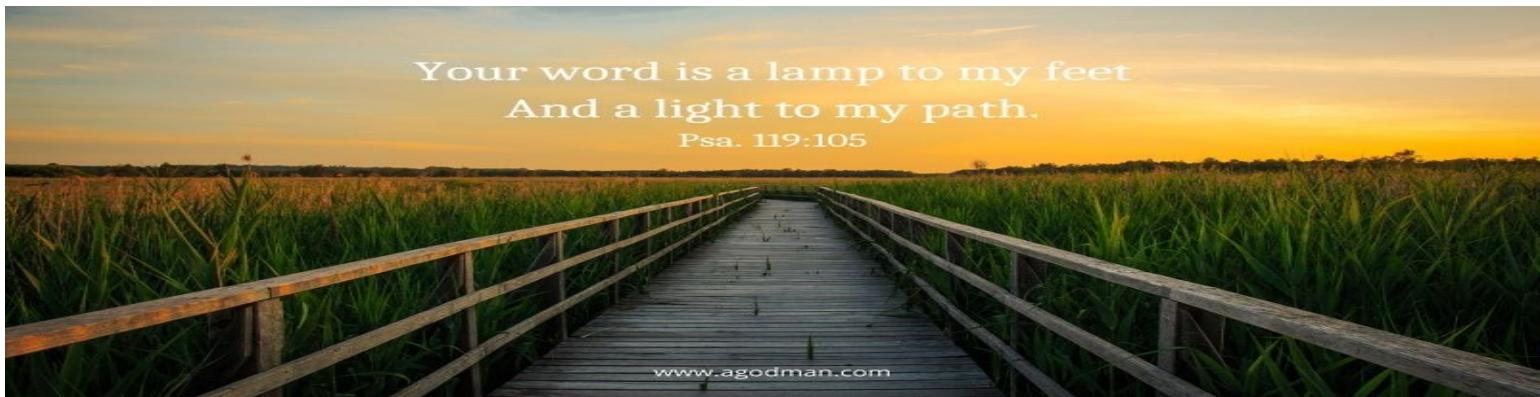


Hebrews 7:11-19

If, then, perfection came through the levitical priesthood, on the basis of which the people received the law, what need would there still have been for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not reckoned according to the order of Aaron? When there is a change of priesthood, there is necessarily a change of law as well. Now he of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, of which no member ever officiated at the altar. It is clear that our Lord arose from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. It is even more obvious if another priest is raised up after the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become so, not by a law expressed in a commandment concerning physical descent but by the power of a life 4 that cannot be destroyed. For it is testified: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." On the one hand, a former commandment is annulled because of its weakness and uselessness, for the law brought nothing to perfection; on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

Luke 2:41-52

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man.



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***

Blessing of Homes

***It is Our Tradition to bless the homes during the Season Epiphany.
Our hope is to have every house Blessed.***

Please use the Sign-up Sheet in the Lobby to arrange a time to have your house blessed.

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, January 15 @ 6:30pm, St Matthew's Ballantyne, Room # 206

Second Collection January 25, 2026

(USCB) United States Catholic Bishop's Worldwide Charities:

This Collection Combines Four USCCB collections: Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America, the Church in Africa, and the Catholic Relief Services. The total is divided accordingly.

Hospitality Sign up

Jan. 4: Epiphany Bake Sale

Feb. 1: _____

Jan. 11: _____

Feb. 8: _____

Jan. 18: _____

Feb. 15: _____

Jan. 25: _____

Feb. 22: _____

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

Sign up Sheet is on the table in the Lobby.

May God bless you for your generosity and support.