

Saint Stephen Maronite Catholic Church

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Weekend Divine 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

1st Sunday after Epiphany

January 7, 2024

2Corinthians 10:1-11 John 1:29-34

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.

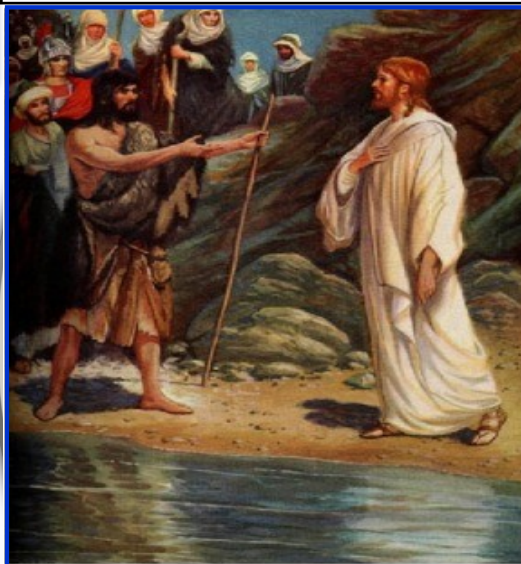
CONFESSIONS: Available before and after the Divine Liturgy and anytime upon request.

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.



"Behold!
The Lamb
of God
who takes
away
the sin
of the
world!"

John 1:29

Feast of Epiphany, Saturday, January 6th

Friday Vigil Mass: Jan. 5th 6:30 PM @ 2951 Brookridge Ln

Saturday Mass Jan. 6th 11AM @ St Matthew church Waxhaw

*** Blessing of Water at the Liturgy ***



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

Sunday 1.7.2024 @ 12:30PM	4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd	For the Soul of John Moroney (on his 22nd Anniversary)
Monday 1.8.24 @ 6:30PM	2951 Brookridge Ln	St Sharbel Liturgy & Novena
Wed. 1.2.23 @ 6:30PM	2951 Brookridge Ln	St. Rafka Liturgy & Novena
Thu. 1.2.23 @ 10:00AM	2951 Brookridge Ln	Liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary
Fri. 1.5.23 @ 10:00AM	2951 Brookridge Ln	
Sunday 12.7.2024 @ 12:30PM	4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd	

2023 Budget

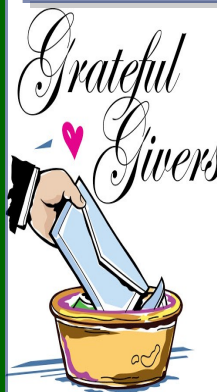
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Thanks be to God!

Thanks to all of you, to your Hard Work & Commitment and to our generous Benefactors.

May God Continue to Bless and guide us to do His Will !!!

Sunday Collection 12/31/2023



Church Collection	\$569.00
Weekly Online Giving	\$250.00
Monthly Online Giving	\$50.00
New Year's Day	\$240.00
Total	\$1,109.00

Church Attendance:

Sunday 12/31/23: 65 People

New Year's Day 1/1/24: 29 Pple

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

Collected to Date **\$48,481.94**

Annual Gala (Hafli) **\$17,342.00**
Catholic Home Mission Grant **\$4,000.00**
Festival of Lebanon **\$20,224.93**
Individual Donations **\$15,000.00**
Christmas Party **\$3,170.00**

Total Income **\$108,218.87**

Budget Met **+ \$18,218.87**



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:

**Anna El Zayek, Saïd Khattar, Marie Medawar,
Judge Robert Moossa & Mary Shaheen.**

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**

Important Messages



Bishop Gregory Mansour Pastoral visit December 16th & 17th

First Communion Classes (Every other Sunday)

Next Class Sunday January 14 @ 11:15 am

Arabic Classes (Every other Sunday)

Next Class Sunday January 14 @ 11:15 am

Teacher: Mrs. Madeleine Haddad, Email: madeleine.kaadi@gmail.com

Sign-up Sheet is in the Lobby after 12:30 Mass on Sunday

Hospitality Sign up

January 7: Karam Family

January 14: Shaheen Family

January 21: Richa Family

January 28: Bou – Ghazale Family

February 4: Francis Family

February 11: _____

February 18: _____

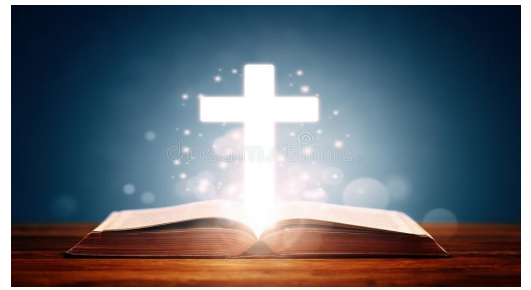
February 25: _____

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

Sign up Sheet is on the table in the Lobby. May God bless you for your generosity and support.

Sunday's Readings

1st Sunday after Epiphany



2 Corinthians 10:1-11

Now I myself, Paul, urge you through the gentleness and clemency of Christ, I who am humble when face to face with you, but brave toward you when absent, I beg you that, when present, I may not have to be brave with that confidence with which I intend to act boldly against some who consider us as acting according to the flesh. For, although we are in the flesh, we do not battle according to the flesh, for the weapons of our battle are not of flesh but are enormously powerful, capable of destroying fortresses. We destroy arguments and every pretension raising itself against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive in obedience to Christ, and we are ready to punish every disobedience, once your obedience is complete. Look at what confronts you. Whoever is confident of belonging to Christ should consider that as he belongs to Christ, so do we. And even if I should boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I shall not be put to shame. May I not seem as one frightening you through letters. For someone will say, "His letters are severe and forceful, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible." Such a person must understand that what we are in word through letters when absent, that we also are in action when present.

John 1:29-34

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God,* who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the holy Spirit.'" Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

