

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

Announcement to Zechariah

November 16, 2025

Romans 4:13-25

Luke 1:1-25

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.



***Do not be afraid, Zechariah,
because your prayer has been heard***

Napoli Luncheon

Sunday, November 16, 2025 @ 2:30pm

2263 W Roosevelt Blvd, Monroe, NC 28110



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

Sun. 11.16.2025 @ 12:30PM **4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd** For the Recovery of Eduardo Perales

Mon. 11.17.25 @ 6:30PM **2951 Brookridge Ln** **St Sharbel Liturgy & Novena**

Wed. 11.19.25 @ 6:30PM **2951 Brookridge Ln** **St. Rafka Liturgy & Novena**

Thu. 11.20.25 @ 10:00AM **2951 Brookridge Ln** **Liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary**

Fri. 11.21.25 @ 10:00AM **2951 Brookridge Ln**

Sunday 11.23.25 @ 12:30PM **4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd** For the Souls of Bahjat & Antoinette Richa

+ Thank you +



May God bless you for your Generosity

Church Attendance:

Sun. 11/9/2025: 46 People



Sign up for online giving.

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

Collection 11/9/2025

Church Collection	\$502.00
Online Weekly	\$120.00
Online Monthly	\$200.00
Total	\$822.00
Donations	\$3,200.00

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

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

Last week's Income \$822.00

Collected to Date \$41,561.00

Donations \$4,450.00

Grant from Catholic Extension \$8,000.00

Festival Net Profit \$32,900.00

Total Income \$86,911.00

Needed to meet Budget: \$3,089.00

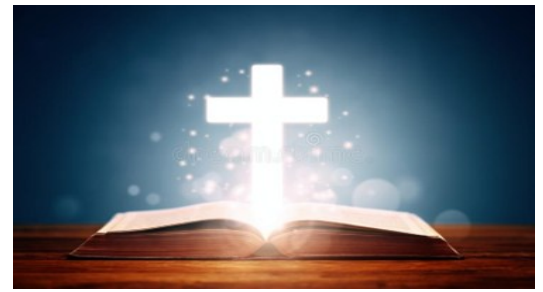
Please keep in your Prayers:



Remi Adaymeh, Deacon Frank Enderle,
Pina Habbal, Judge Moossa, Eduardo Perales,
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**

Announcement to Zechariah



Romans 4:13-25

It was not through the law that the promise was made to Abraham and his descendants that he would inherit the world, but through the righteousness that comes from faith. For if those who adhere to the law are the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law produces wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason, it depends on faith, so that it may be a gift, and the promise may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not to those who only adhere to the law but to those who follow the faith of Abraham, who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into being what does not exist. He believed, hoping against hope, that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "Thus shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body as [already] dead (for he was almost a hundred years old) and the dead womb of Sarah. He did not doubt God's promise in unbelief; rather, he was empowered by faith and gave glory to God and was fully convinced that what he had promised he was also able to do. That is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." But it was not for him alone that it was written that "it was credited to him"; it was also for us, to whom it will be credited, who believe in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our transgressions and was raised for our justification.

Luke 1:1-25

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who 4 were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. In the days of Herod, King of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah of the priestly division of Abijah; his wife was from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both were righteous in the eyes of God, observing all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blamelessly. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren and both were advanced in years. Once when he was serving as priest in his division's turn before God, according to the practice of the priestly service, he was chosen by lot to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to burn incense. Then, when the whole assembly of the people was praying outside at the hour of the incense offering, the angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right of the altar of incense. Zechariah was troubled by what he saw, and fear came upon him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of [the] Lord. He will drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will be filled with the holy Spirit even from his mother's womb, and he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn the hearts of fathers toward children and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to prepare a people fit for the Lord." Then Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." And the angel said to him in reply, "I am Gabriel, who stand before God. I was sent to speak to you and to announce to you this good news. But now you will be speechless and unable to talk until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled at their proper time." Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah and were amazed that he stayed so long in the sanctuary. But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He was gesturing to them but remained mute. Then, when his days of ministry were completed, he went home. After this time his wife Elizabeth conceived, and she went into seclusion for five months, saying, "So has the Lord done for me at a time when he has seen fit to take away my disgrace before others."

Christmas Dinner

Saturday December 13 at 5PM – 8PM

@ St Matthew's Ballantyne, Banquet Room

Music & Fun



50/50 DRAWING



Delicious Food & Sweets

Baklawa from Lebanon

Available for Purchase Limited Quantity

*Santa is Coming
with
Bag Full of Gifts*

For Information

Call: 704-412-1016

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Next Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, December 18 @ 6:30pm
@ St Matthew's Ballantyne, Room # 234

Hospitality Sign up

Nov.16: Napoli Luncheon <i>No Coffee Hour</i>	Dec. 14: _____
Nov. 23: Elie & Liliane Richa	Dec. 21: _____
Nov. 30: Sara Savaya	Dec. 28: _____
Dec. 7: _____	Jan. 4: _____

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

Sign up Sheet is on the table in the Lobby.

May God bless you for your generosity and support.