

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

Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

March 1st, 2026

Romans 6:12-23 Mark 1:35-45



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.

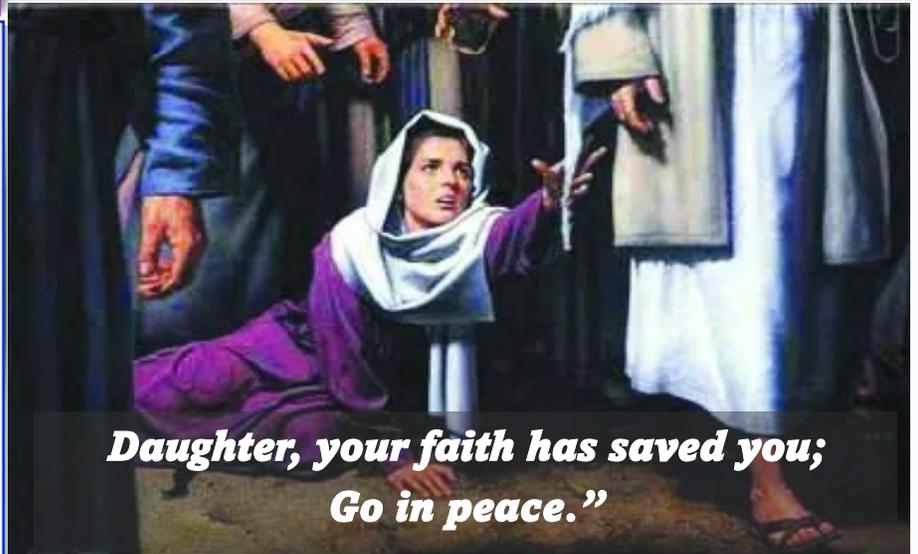
CONFESSIONS: Available before and after the Divine Liturgy and anytime upon request.

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.



**Daughter, your faith has saved you;
Go in peace."**

Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Every Friday of Lent @ 7PM

@ St. Matthew 4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd



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

Sun. 3.1.2026 @ 12:30PM	4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd	For the Souls of Hanna & Phelomina Francis
Mon. 3.2.2026 @ 6:30PM	2951 Brookridge Ln	St Sharbel Liturgy & Novena
Wed. 3.4.2026 @ 6:30PM	2951 Brookridge Ln	St. Rafka Liturgy & Novena
Thu. 3.5.2026 @ 10:00AM	2951 Brookridge Ln	Liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary
Fri. 3.6.2026 @ 10:00AM	2951 Brookridge Ln	No Intentions Requested
Sunday 3.8.2026 @ 12:30PM	4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd	No Intentions Requested



Collection 2/22/2026	
Church Collection	\$380.00
Online Weekly	\$230.00
Online Monthly	\$0.00
Total	\$610.00

Church Attendance:
Sunday 2/22/2025: 41 People

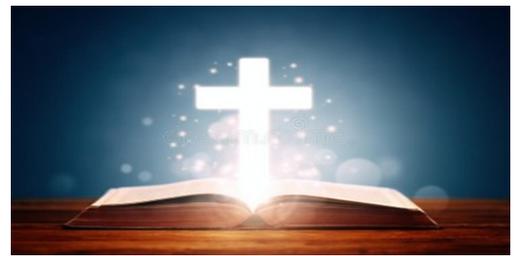


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Annual Budget (\$7,500 X 12 Months)	\$90,000.00
Weekly Budget (90,000 ÷ 52 weeks)	\$1,730.00
Last week's Income	\$610.00
Collected to Date	\$6,649.00
Donations	\$0.00
Total Income	\$6,649.00
Needed to meet Budget:	\$83,351.00

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**

Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman



2 Corinthians 7: 4-11

I have great confidence in you, I have great pride in you; I am filled with encouragement, I am overflowing with joy all the more because of all our affliction. For even when we came into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were afflicted in every way—external conflicts, internal fears. But God, who encourages the downcast, encouraged us by the arrival of Titus, and not only by his arrival but also by the encouragement with which he was encouraged in regard to you, as he told us of your yearning, your lament, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more. For even if I saddened you by my letter, I do not regret it; and if I did regret it ([for] I see that that letter saddened you, if only for a while), I rejoice now, not because you were saddened, but because you were saddened into repentance; for you were saddened in a godly way, so that you did not suffer loss in anything because of us. For godly sorrow produces a salutary repentance without regret, but worldly sorrow produces death. For behold what earnestness this godly sorrow has produced for you, as well as readiness for a defense, and indignation, and fear, and yearning, and zeal, and punishment. In every way you have shown yourselves to be innocent in the matter.

Luke 8:40-56

When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. And a man named Jairus, an official of the synagogue, came forward. He fell at the feet of Jesus and begged him to come to his house, because he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. As he went, the crowds almost crushed him. And a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years, who [had spent her whole livelihood on doctors and] was unable to be cured by anyone, came up behind him and touched the tassel on his cloak. Immediately her bleeding stopped. Jesus then asked, “Who touched me?” While all were denying it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds are pushing and pressing in upon you.” But Jesus said, “Someone has touched me; for I know that power has gone out from me.” When the woman realized that she had not escaped notice, she came forward trembling. Falling down before him, she explained in the presence of all the people why she had touched him and how she had been healed immediately. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has saved you; go in peace.” While he was still speaking, someone from the synagogue official’s house arrived and said, “Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer.” On hearing this, Jesus answered him, “Do not be afraid; just have faith and she will be saved.” When he arrived at the house he allowed no one to enter with him except Peter and John and James, and the child’s father and mother. All were weeping and mourning for her, when he said, “Do not weep any longer, for she is not dead, but sleeping.” And they ridiculed him, because they knew that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called to her, “Child, arise!” Her breath returned and she immediately arose. He then directed that she should be given something to eat. Her parents were astounded, and he instructed them to tell no one what had happened.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
- Psalm 119-105



Lenten Observances 2026

The Most Reverend Bishops Gregory J. Mansour and A. Elias Zaidan have issued the following Lenten guidelines for the Maronites of the United States.

Fasting and Abstinence

+ All Maronites who are physically capable are to **abstain** from meat on **Ash Monday** (16 February 2026) and all **Fridays of Lent**.

+ **Ash Monday** and **Great Friday of the Crucifixion** (3 April 2026) are also days of **fasting**. Fasting in the Maronite Church involves **eating and drinking nothing** at all (except water and medicine) from **midnight until noon**. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat. All Maronites who are physically capable should fast on these two days.

Distribution of Ashes

All parish priests are to bless and distribute ashes on **Ash Monday** during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy as indicated in our liturgical books. This ceremony may **not** be celebrated on the vigil of Ash Monday (Cana Sunday). For the convenience of some faithful of the Latin Church who may come to the Divine Liturgy at a Maronite Church on their Ash Wednesday, ashes that were blessed on Monday may be given to them after the Divine Liturgy. However, ashes are **not** to be blessed again on this day.

Lenten Services

All parish priests are to celebrate the **Benediction with the Cross** every **Friday of Lent** except for the Great Friday of the Crucifixion. This service may be preceded by **Evening Prayer** (*Ramsho*), **Stations of the Cross**, or even the **Divine Liturgy**. Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament should not take place on the Fridays of Lent.

Traditional Fasting Discipline

Clergy, religious and laity who wish to observe the more **traditional** Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are **encouraged** to do so.

That practice is summarized in the following, taken from current **Maronite Particular Law**:

Every weekday of Lent (Monday through Friday) is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products (eggs, butter, milk, etc.). Fasting involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat or dairy products. Dairy products are excluded because they are animal byproducts. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstaining, as are the following feast days: St. Joseph (19 March) and the Annunciation (25 March).



Hospitality Sign up

March 1: Claudia Del Pozo Family

March 29: _____

March 8: _____

April 5: _____

March 15: _____

April 12: _____

March 22: _____

April 19: _____

***** 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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Lent in the
Maronite Catholic Church



BROADCAST ON

Sunday | March 1
7:30 PM ET



shalomworld.org/lent-maronite



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

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Linda DiNardo George (540)520-1679

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