

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

11th Sunday of Pentecost August 2, 2026

Ephesians 2:17-22

Luke 19:1-10

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.



**Lord,
it is
good
for us
to be
Here!**

Mt 17:4

*Feast of
Transfig-
uration
Aug. 6th*



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

Sun. 8.2.2026 @ 12:30PM **4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd** 50th Wedding Anniv. Judge Robert & Kathy Moossa

Mon. 8.3.26 @ 6:30PM **2951 Brookridge Ln** **St Sharbel Liturgy & Novena**

Feast of Transfiguration August 6th (Masses @ 2951 Brookridge Ln, Charlotte)

Vigil Mass Wednesday Aug. 5th @ 6:30pm

Thursday Aug. 6th @ 10am

Fri. 8.7.26 @ 10:00AM **2951 Brookridge Ln**

Sun. 8.9.2026 @ 12:30PM **4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd** For Peace in Lebanon, the Middle East & the World



+ Thank you +

Collection 7/26/2026

Church Collection	\$638.00
Online Weekly	\$230.00
Online Monthly	\$0.00
Total	\$868.00

Church Attendance:

Sunday 7/26/2026: 56 People



Sign up for online giving.

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

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

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

Last week's Income **\$868.00**

Collected to Date **\$26,335.00**

Donations **\$475.00**

Total Income **\$26,810.00**

Needed to meet Budget: \$63,190.00



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**

11th Sunday of Pentecost

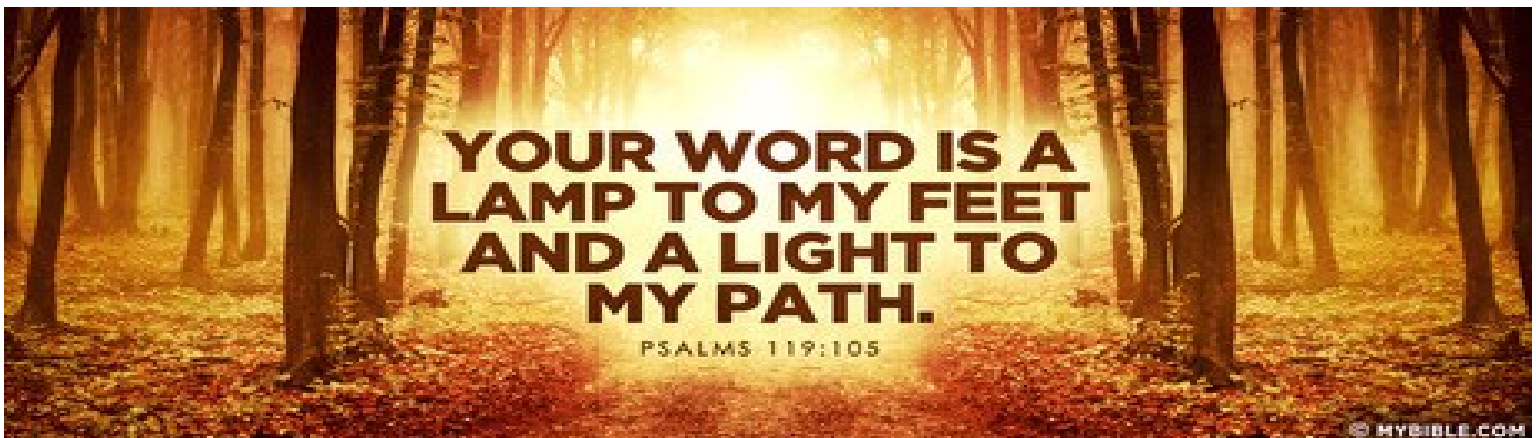


Ephesians 2:17 – 22

He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is held together and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord; in him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Luke 19:1 – 10

He came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.” And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, “He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner.” But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.”



Parish News

Back-to-School Mass – Sunday, August 23

Please mark your calendars for our Back-to-School Mass on Sunday, August 23 (1230pm).

We warmly invite all students, teachers, school staff, and families to join us for this special celebration and blessing for the new school year.

Students are encouraged to bring their backpacks, school supplies, and any other school materials to be blessed during Mass. Please help us spread the word by inviting your family and friends. We look forward to celebrating with everyone.

School Supply Blessing Bags

Next Sunday we will be offering our Back-to-School Blessing Bags for \$20 each. Each bag includes school supplies and will be blessed for the new school year.

We accept cash or credit card. Please stop by and see Rita, Monica, or Claudia after Mass in the lobby. If you would like to reserve additional bags for the August 23 Back-to-School Mass, please let us know. All proceeds will go towards our church building fund.

Festival Dabke Dance Groups

As we prepare for our September Festival, we are forming two Dabke dance groups:

- 1- Children (up to 13 years old)
- 2- Youth and Adults

If you or your children would like to participate, please let Rita, Monica, or Claudia know after Mass. Rehearsals will begin soon, and we'd love to have you join us!

First Communion Registration

Registration for First Communion is now open. Sign-up Sheet is available in the vestibule. If your child is eligible or you would like more information, please see Fr Rodolph after Mass.

Hospitality Sign up

Aug. 2: _____

Aug. 9: Madeleine & Pierre Haddad

Aug. 16: _____

Aug. 23: _____

Aug. 30: _____

Sep. 6: _____

Sep. 13: _____

Sep. 20: _____

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

Sign up Sheet is on the table in the Lobby.

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



**ST. STEPHEN MARONITE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



FESTIVAL OF LEBANON



**JOIN CHARLOTTE'S ANNUAL
CELEBRATION OF LEBANESE FOOD,
MUSIC & CULTURE**

FRI. SEPT 25	4 PM - 8 PM
SAT SEPT 26	11 AM - 9:30 PM

FREE ADMISSION

ST. MATTHEW GYM
8015 BALLANTYNE COMMONS PKWY,
CHARLOTTE, NC 28277

BIG CASH LOTTERY!

Enter for a chance to win \$2,000

- ▶ Only 300 tickets available
- ▶ Ticket price \$20
- ▶ 1st. Prize: \$2,000
- ▶ 2nd. Prize: \$250
- ▶ 3rd. Prize: \$100

**For more information and/or to purchase
Lottery tickets send us an email at
saintstephenmaronitechurch@gmail.com**

VIGIL OF THE TWO HEARTS

First Fridays & First Saturdays

Cathedral of St. Patrick | 1621 Dilworth Road E. Charlotte



Next vigil: August 7-8

Celebrant: Fr. Rodolph Wakim

Join us on each First Friday through First Saturday of the month in an overnight vigil to honor the Hearts of Jesus & Mary, to pray for our families, to offer penance for our sins, and to pray for the conversion of our nation.

All families & parishes invited to participate!

- 8pm First Friday Mass (8/7)
- 9pm—8am Nocturnal Adoration
- 9pm Holy Hour of Reparation
- 8am Saturday Mass (8/8)

Please sign up for Eucharistic Adoration times at: defendthefamily.org/two-hearts

"Tell everybody that God grants us graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary; that people are to ask Her for them; and that the Heart of Jesus wants the Immaculate Heart of Mary to be venerated at His side. Tell them also to pray to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for peace, since God entrusted it to Her."
– St. Jacinta Marto

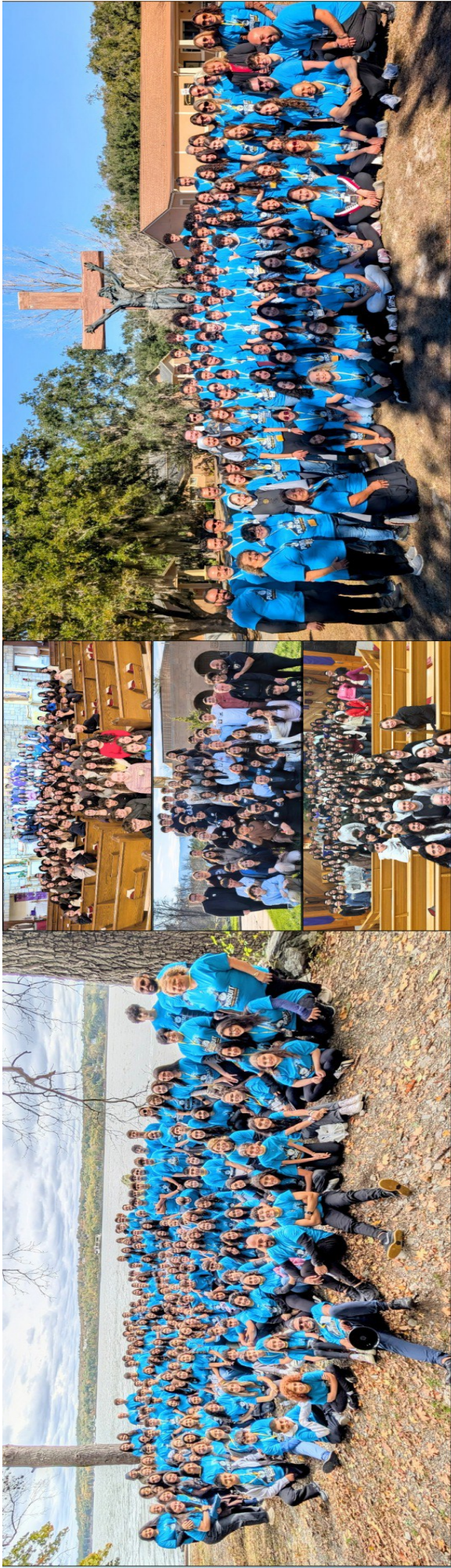


The Vigil of the Two Hearts is a special monthly prayer vigil that unites devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of Mary, organized around 1st Friday & 1st Saturday Masses, with overnight Eucharistic Adoration in between, allowing all faithful of our diocese to unite in prayer and penance.

Sponsored by Carolina Family Coalition • defendthefamily.org • info@defendthefamily.org

Adopt Your Hour Here





NEW ENGLAND

26
SEP
2026

**YOUTH LEADER
ENRICHMENT DAY**
St. Anthony Church
Lawrence, MA

10-12
OCT
2026

**REGIONAL
WEEKEND RETREAT**
Camp Pontiac
Copake, NY

27
FEB
2027

**LENTE
DAY RETREAT**
St. Anthony Church
Springfield, MA

22-27
JUN
2027

**NATIONAL
MYO CONFERENCE**
(TBD)

MID-ATLANTIC

10-12
OCT
2026

**REGIONAL
WEEKEND RETREAT**
Camp Pontiac
Copake, NY

7
NOV
2026

**YOUTH LEADER
ENRICHMENT DAY**
(TBD)

6
MAR
2027

**LENTE
DAY RETREAT**
Our Lady Star of the East
Pleasantville, NJ

22-27
JUN
2027

**NATIONAL
MYO CONFERENCE**
(TBD)

MID-ATLANTIC

5
DEC
2026

**CHRISTMAS
DAY RETREAT**
Our Lady of Victory
Pittsburgh, PA

19-21
FEB
2027

**REGIONAL
WEEKEND RETREAT**
Camp Weed
Live Oak, FL

22-27
JUN
2027

**NATIONAL
MYO CONFERENCE**
(TBD)

SOUTH

19-21
FEB
2027

**REGIONAL
WEEKEND RETREAT**
Camp Weed
Live Oak, FL

16-18
APR
2027

**EASTER
RETREAT**
St. Anthony Church
Glenn Allen, VA

22-27
JUN
2027

**NATIONAL
MYO CONFERENCE**
(TBD)



**2026 & 2027
EPARCHIAL EVENTS**



16 July 2026



PRESS RELEASE

Celebrating 50 Years of the Creighton Model

FertilityCare™ System in Worcester, MA

Cedar of Lebanon FertilityCare™ Center in collaboration with the Office of Family and Sanctity of Life for the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn is proud to host a special conference celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System on Saturday, November 14, 2026, at Our Lady of Mercy Maronite Catholic Church in Worcester, Massachusetts.

This one-day event will bring together healthcare and FertilityCare™ professionals, clergy, educators, students, couples, and community members to celebrate five decades of excellence in family planning, women's health and authentic reproductive care. The conference will feature nationally recognized speakers, educational sessions, and networking opportunities that promote authentic reproductive healthcare, strengthen families, and uphold the dignity of every human person.

For conference details and registration, visit our website.

Marise Frangie

Director, Cedar of Lebanon FertilityCare™ Center

Natural Family Planning Coordinator, Eparchy of St. Maron

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CELEBRATING
50 Years



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WOMEN AND
COUPLES**



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EFFECTIVE, AND
RESPECTFUL OF FERTILITY**



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ACCEPTABLE AND
HOLISTIC CARE**



**OFFERING TRUE SOLUTIONS
FOR SERIOUS PROBLEMS
INCLUDING MISCARRIAGES,
INFERTILITY, PMS, ETC**



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**JANET SMITH, PhD
VIA ZOOM**



*Come to be inspired,
encouraged and equipped to
support women and couples
in a natural holistic and
faithful way.*

FERTILITYCARE PROFESSIONALS



**DR. PAUL CARPENTIER
MD, CFCMC**



**DR. SHIRLEY GONZALEZ
MD, CFCP, CFCMC,
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**

WWW.CEDAROFLEBANONFCC.COM

