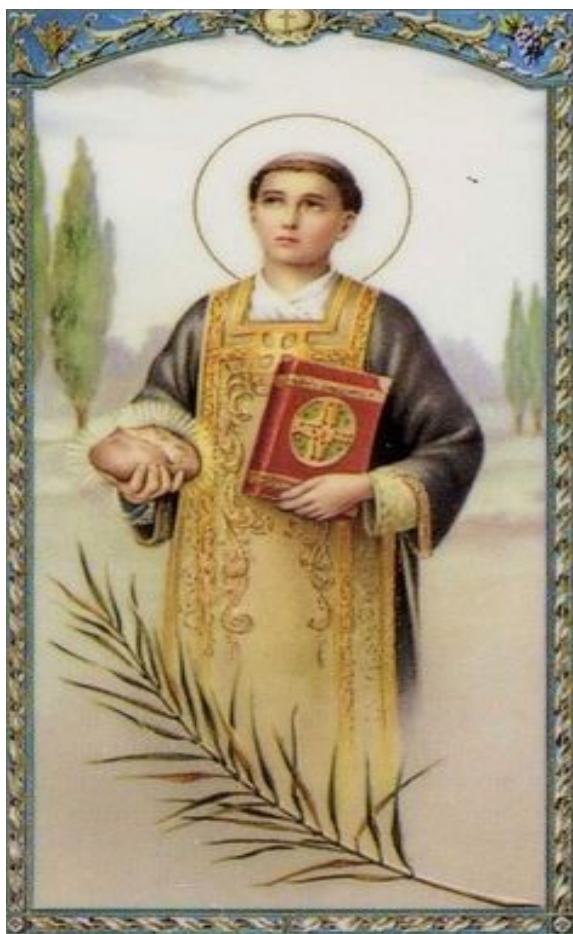




Saint Stephen Maronite Catholic Church

Administrator Rev. Tony Youssef

Divine Liturgy Schedule Sunday 12.30 pm

Location 4116 Waxhaw -Marvin Rd , Waxhaw, NC 28173

Mission Office Hours Tuesday—Friday 9 am-4 PM

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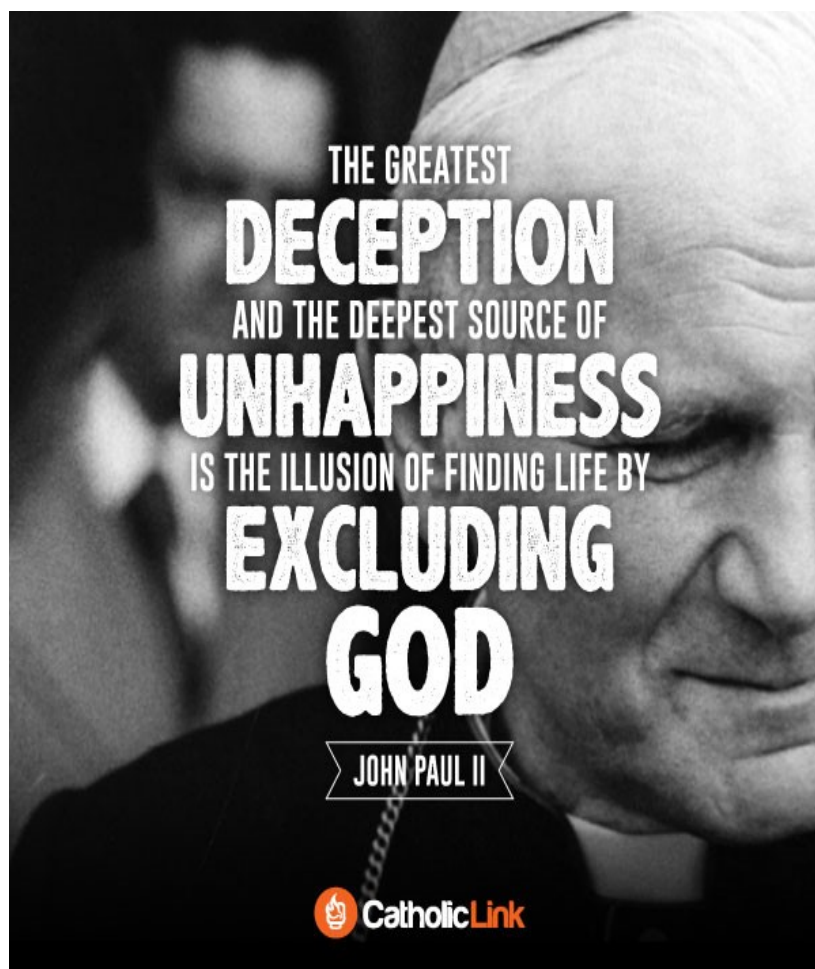
BAPTISM & CHRISMATIONS: Preparation is required. We encourage this to begin at least one month before the Baptism.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements six (6) months in advance.

CONFESSIONS: Reconciliation is available at St Matthew Catholic Church. The reconciliation rooms are located in the main church building directly near the entrance to the Daily Mass Chapel. Both the face-to-face and discreet methods are offered: **Wednesdays:** 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. (Main campus), **Saturday:** 4 to 5.15 p.m. (Main Campus) / 3.45 – 4.00 pm (Waxhaw) or by appointment .

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome to our parish family. Please be sure to register with our parish by calling the Parish office.

SICK CALLS : If someone is hospitalized or sick please let us know by calling the Parish office.





To Request a Liturgy Intention call the church office at (704) 543-7677 ext 1043

Mass INTENTIONS

03.15.20 | Fares, Samira & Camille Chamoun by Family

03.22.20 | 1 year memorial mass for George Eskander Haddad by Samira Haddad & Family

03.29.20 | Available

04.05.20 | Osane Enderle by Deacon Frank Enderle

04.12.20 | Parishioners & Friends of St Stephen by Abouna Tony



Income	
Online Giving	\$145
Weekly Offering	\$693
Total	\$ 838

All year long, in addition to the first collection we have few second collections that we collect for various needs, please your envelopes or sign up for online giving for the 1st & 2nd Collections



LITURGY INTENTIONS.

To serve you in a better way; kindly all requests for Liturgy intentions must be submitted by calling the mission office at (704) 543—7677 ext 1043 or by submitting the request via our [online form](#). thank you.





Current ANNOUNCEMENTS

How do we prepare ourselves?

- ◆ Daily prayer: Personal Prayer, Family Prayer, Rosary,
- ◆ Confession
- ◆ Bible Study
- ◆ Adoration
- ◆ ...

Below link is a very helpful discussion held at the recent US Bishops conference on how to keep and how to welcome home those who are disaffiliated with their Catholic faith.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bUmg-DLBa1E>

Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendar

As we continue to monitor the evolving COVID-19 coronavirus St. Matthew has disallowed serving food and drinks at their premises until Easter. I am meeting regularly with the Bishop and St. Matthew's priests to take proactive steps to minimize exposure and risk for our parishioners and will advise you of any changes or further notices.

I continue to be available to anyone who needs counseling and/or confession. You can reach me at my office number.

The Holy Week Services at 7 P.M. in Waxhaw. Confession will be available at 6 P.M. Please let Father Tony know in advance before arriving.

Friday services will take place at the chapel of Saint Matthew Main Campus at 7 P.M.

There will be no service on Friday March 27th due to the annual retreat for priests

3/19/20 - The Feast of St. Joseph the Virgin, the Spouse of Mary, C

3/25/20 - The Annunciation to the Virgin Mary

4/10/20 - Great Friday of the Crucifixion - Good Friday

4/12/20 - The Glorious Resurrection - Easter Sunday

Annual Hafli,

Total revenue: **24,608.41**

Expenses: **1,3040.84**

Net profit: **11,567.57**

Special thanks for all the people who helped to make Saint Stephen Annual Hafli successful and entertaining!



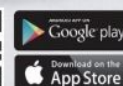
From DailyGospel.org, daily readings of the Divine Liturgy from the Maronite Catholic calendar. The link opens a new window or tab.

While you are gone, you help our church carry on.

Online Giving helps grow and sustain our church.

Online Giving allows you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your smart device or computer to your church back home.

Stay up-to-date on your giving and continue your support through the summer months!



Set up your gift today or consider an additional gift via our app on your smart device.

PARISH REGISTRATION. Membership is a condition for the reception of the sacraments of baptism, reconciliation, first Eucharist, confirmation and marriage. Registration is also required before the parish can issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be sacramental sponsors. You must be a registered, contributing member for at least three months before a certificate is provided or MACS voucher is approved. Or visit our website: <http://ststephenmaronite.org/about-us/>

BAPTISM & CHRISMATION. Baptism in the Maronite Rite is always accompanied by Chrismation (Confirmation). Both Sacraments are given by a priest, and always in the same ceremony. Preparation to receive the Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation is required. We encourage this to happen before the birth of your child. To read more about our policy visit <http://ststephenmaronite.org/sacraments/>

THE MYSTERY OF CROWNING (MARRIAGE) Couples must contact the pastor at least six months prior to the desired date of the wedding. To initiate the marriage preparation process or if you have questions for weddings taking place at St. Stephen, contact Father Tony at 704-543-7677 x 1043.

HOLY ORDERS. The Maronite tradition attributes many characteristics and roles to the Order of Priesthood. Two of the more prominent ones are the roles of mediator and steward. The priest has been given the keys to the treasure of the Kingdom so that he might distribute its riches to those who have need of it. To discern a vocation of commitment to priesthood or religious life, please speak with the pastor.

LITURGY INTENTIONS. Liturgy intentions are a good way to remember and pray for your loved ones, alive or deceased. If you would like to request an intention please remember to submit your intentions for Liturgy ASAP by calling the parish office at (704) 543-7677 ext 1043.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK The Anointing of the Sick is routinely offered during the Divine Liturgy on Wednesday evening and during pastoral visits by the priest to homebound and ill parishioners. Let me know if you will be in the hospital or have other special needs. Contact the Church Office.

COFFEE SOCIALS If you would like to sponsor a Coffee Social In Memory Of or In Honor Of someone, please call or email the Church Office to let us know. Or simply bring with you something to the Church on Sunday to share with everyone right after Liturgy in our Sunday Social Hour.

ONLINE GIVING. Our parish now offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. And it is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our [parish website](http://ststephenmaronite.org/parish_website) (http://ststephenmaronite.org/parish_website) and selecting the Online Giving link, or call our office for more information.