



Saint Stephen Maronite Catholic Church

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Divine Liturgy Schedule Saturday 7:00 PM

Location 8015 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy, Charlotte, NC 28277

Daily Liturgy (Monday - Friday) 10:00 AM

Location 2951 Brookridge Lane, Charlotte, NC 28211

ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH

SATURDAY 11.14.2020

Romans 4:13-25 Luke 1:1-25

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM & CHRISMATIONS: Preparation is required. Contact the Pastor at least one month before the Baptism.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements six (6) months in advance.

CONFESSIONS: Reconciliation is available before the Divine Liturgy and anytime upon request. Both the face-to-face and discreet methods are offered.

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS : Call the Pastor or email us at saintstephenmaronitechurch@gmail.com



A NIGHT IN
BETHLEHEM

MAKE ROOM IN YOUR HEART

★ AN EVENING OF PRAYER
WITH THE MYO ★

DECEMBER 18, 2020

8-10 PM EST
7-9 PM CST
5-7 PM PST

Register online at
www.maroniteyouth.org

Maronite Youth Organization

Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday 11.14.20	For the Joseph's Family Living and Deceased	<i>Requested by Family</i>
Monday 11.16.20	For the Family of St. Stephen Church & for the Souls who are in most need of God's Mercy	
Tuesday 11.17.20	For the Family of St. Stephen Church & for the Souls who are in most need of God's Mercy	
Wed. 11.18.20	For the Family of St. Stephen Church & for the Souls who are in most need of God's Mercy	
Thursday 11.19.20	For the Family of St. Stephen Church & for the Souls who are in most need of God's Mercy	
Friday 11.20.20	For the Family of St. Stephen Church & for the Souls who are in most need of God's Mercy	
Saturday 11.21.20	<i>No Intentions Requested</i>	

**RESOLVE NOT TO
BE OVERCOME BY
EVIL, BUT TO
COMBAT EVIL
WITH GOOD.**

Pope Francis



Weekend of November 7-8

Income

Online Giving	\$65.00
Weekly Offering	\$414.00
Mail-in Offering	\$.00
Total	\$ 479.00

ATTENDANCE: 35 PEOPLE

During the year, there are several second collections requested by the Bishop. We will post when they are due and what they are for.

It may be easier to sign up for online giving for the 1st & 2nd Collections. Set it up once and it becomes automatic every week.



To offer the (Mass) Divine Liturgy for the soul of a loved one or for any personal intentions, please submit your request online via our [online form](#), email us at saintstephenmaronitechurch@gmail.com

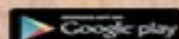
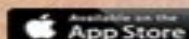
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Support our mission
and vision — anywhere,
any time.



Online Giving



This Sunday's Readings



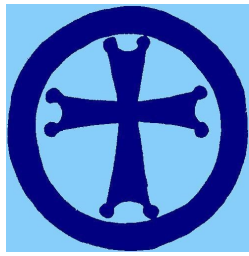
Romans 4:13-25

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 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."





Feast Days of November

November 8: Saint Michael the Archangel

November 10: Saint Moura, Confessor

November 11: Saint Mennas, Martyr and Saint Martin of Tours, Confessor

November 13: Saint John Chrysostom, Confessor & Saint Francis Cabrini, Virgin-Confessor, Saint of the U.S.

November 14: Saint Philip the Apostle

November 16: Saint Matthew the Evangelist

November 17: Saint Gregory the Wonderworker, Confessor

November 18: Saint Romanos (Raymond), Martyr

November 21: Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple

November 26: Thanksgiving Day

November 27: Saint James Intercisus

November 31: Saint Andrew the Apostle

Daily Readings of this week

Monday, November 16: Romans 4:1-12, John 8:31-37

Tuesday, November 17: Romans 2:1-8, John 8:38-40

Wednesday, November 18: Romans 2:9-16, John 8:41-45

Thursday, November 19: Romans 2:17-29, John 8:46-50

Friday, November 20: Romans 3:1-12, John 8:51-55

Saturday, November 21: Romans 3:21-31, John 8:56-59

Sunday, November 22: Galatians 3:15-22, Luke 1:26-38

