

Men's Club May 2026 Update

Current Events

Since its revival in October 2025, the Men's Club Ministry of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Newburyport have held and/or sponsored a number of activities at the church and therefore have made a significant impact at the church. Those events include the following:

1. We held a Fellowship Kick-Off Event with food and refreshments; It was well attended with about 30 people which included a number of youths.
2. We made donations to the church stewardship fund, the building fund and the holiday lunch offered by St. Basil's Kitchen to the community at large.
3. Members of our Ministry including Fr Costin, Eric Hansen and Bruce Beck volunteered to oversee a local homeless shelter through the Red Cross. We are hoping to make this an ongoing part of our outreach program.
4. Men's Club is undertaking to assist and has assisted Melinda with the set up for rental events at Nicholson Hall which we hoping will become a significant source of revenue for the church.
5. We held a movie night at the church with the showing of the movie "Man of God" at which we offered refreshments. The event was well attended and we received a-lot of positive feedback.
6. We sponsored refreshments after one of this year's pre-sanctified liturgy services.
7. Several youth members of our ministry carried the torch this year as they prepared the lamb for this year's Pascha meal after the resurrection service. We received many compliments on the event and in particular the delicious food that was served to the parishioners,
8. We recently distributed Dunkin Donut Gift Cards and Godiva Chocolates to the Women of the Church for Mother's Day.

Upcoming Events

As we approach the 2nd half of 2026, we have a number of events planned including the following:

1. A Retreat has been scheduled at the St. Methodios Faith and Heritage Center located in Contoocook, NH. It will feature recreational activities and a spiritual component.

2. A Red Sox game in June.
3. An outdoor Movie night with refreshments held at the pavilion on our church grounds for our parishioners and the community at large.
4. A Fall Fundraiser contemplating the sale of Gyro sandwiches and other food items. This will take place in late September or October.

Looking ahead, the Men's Club Ministry is considering a landscape enhancement project including the revitalization of the front entranceway pavilion and the creation of a spiritual/peace garden and pavilion at the rear of the church. This may be a joint venture with the Greek Ladies Aid Society (GLAS) and will be a fundraising event for the church. Stay tuned for further updates.

If anyone is interested in participating in these events, please contact John J. Dussi at 617-719-3003 or jdussi1984@gmail.com.

With the help of Angela Tsopelas we will be rolling out a new email address for the Men's Club Ministry which will be used strictly for the business of our Ministry.

We would also like welcome and recognize Joey Dussi as the new Secretary of our ministry.

In closing, I want to thank all of our members for being such an important part of our church community and for making a real difference in the lives of others.

I hope that if you have not already actively joined our group that you consider doing so. We are confident that not only will you feel enriched through the building of long lasting and meaningful relationships but also empowered by the experience of charitable giving.

Sincerely,

John J. Dussi
Co-President
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