

His Beatitude the Patriarch of Jerusalem presents certificate to the graduates of the Patriarchate School in Jaffa



The graduation ceremony for the twelve graduates of the Patriarchate High School in Jaffa took place on the afternoon of Saturday, 14th/27th June 2026.

The event was held in a Patriarchal building adjoining the Holy Monastery of Saint George, erected at the beginning of the twentieth century by the late Sacristan of the Holy Sepulchre, Archimandrite Gerasimos. The building was occupied by the Israeli army from 1948 until 1995, when the Patriarchate successfully reclaimed it and restored it to its original purpose by once again establishing a school there.

The well-organised ceremony took place in the building's open courtyard under the supervision of the Headmistress, Mrs Manal Khoury, together with the teaching

staff.

The proceedings commenced with prayer offered by His Eminence Archbishop Damaskinos of Jaffa, Hegumen of the Holy Monastery of the Archangels in Jaffa, together with Fr Constantine, the parish priest of the church.

During the ceremony, three of the graduates addressed the gathering in Arabic, Hebrew, and English. They expressed their gratitude to the Patriarchate, to their teachers, and to their parents who were present, for their support throughout the twelve years of their education. As they stated: "Our parents and teachers inspired us and invested in us, and with this endowment we now go forth into the arena of life."

The ceremony was honoured by the presence of His Eminence Metropolitan Makarios of Acre and Ptolemais, the Ambassador of Greece to Israel, Mrs Maya Solomou, the Ambassador of Cyprus, Mr Marios, the President of the Jam'iyyah, Mr Christian Dick, and other distinguished guests.

The ceremony concluded with the address of His Beatitude, delivered in Arabic by Fr Constantine, followed by His Beatitude's presentation of the graduation certificates to each of the graduates individually, together with the blessing: "Every success in your examinations and a blessed and fruitful career."

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