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## **JERUSALEM PATRIARCHATE OPENS SPECIAL NEEDS-EQUIPPED KINDERGARTEN IN JORDAN**



Thanks to the efforts of the Jerusalem Patriarchate, children with special needs have a new fully-equipped kindergarten to attend in Amman.

His Eminence Archbishop Christophoros of Kyriakoupolis, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Patriarchate Schools, festively opened the school on Thursday, August 26, in the presence of other Board members, the Director General of the schools, a group of priests, and other public figures, reports Orthodox Jordan.

The Archbishop expressed his great joy at this step in the desired renaissance of the schools and kindergartens of the Patriarchate's schools, stressing that everything was done with the blessing of His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos of Jerusalem.



According to the Director General Lynn Al-Madanat, the kindergarten in the Al Swaifyeh neighborhood of Amman is a pioneering project, as it is fully equipped with facilities and educational aids suitable for people with special needs. It is the first inclusive kindergarten in the Jordanian capital.

The school is the product of a team that believes in the importance of contributing to the upbringing of a believing generation based on Christian values and principles, explained the kindergarten Director Rania Matthews.

Abp. Christophoros also celebrated a moleben with the blessing of waters to sanctify the new school, “beseeching the Lord God to grant the administrative and teaching staff of the kindergarten every blessing to serve the Church and society.”

Earlier this year, the Archdiocese of Jordan launched a family program for spiritual, social, and health assistance.

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