



مدرسة الروم الملكيين الكاثوليك – جبل عمان / الأردن  
GREEK CATHOLICS SCHOOL – JABAL AMMAN / JORDAN

The Swiss Lieutenancy of the Order of the Holy Sepulcher,

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**Re: Renovation and modernization works at the Melkite Greek-Catholic school of Jabal Amman**

The Melkite Greek Catholics Archdiocese of Petra, Philadelphia, & Transjordan was established in 1932, and started small schools next to its churches. As the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan became a host of influx refugees from Palestine after the wars with Israel in 1948 & 1967. The number of schools increased to 7 or 8 schools scattered all over Jordan; to host Jordanian, Palestinian, Iraqi and Syrian students too.

The oldest of the archdiocese schools is our school located at Jabal Amman, the center of the capital Amman; in fact the school building first floor was constructed in 1953 as a residence and office of the archbishop, and dormitories for the assisting priests, also the rooms were used as classes to teach the parish boys.

In 1954 the cathedral of “Our Lady of Fatima” was built next to the archdiocese and two floors were added to the building but still never went through any major re-constructural or renovation works!

The school building needed to be renovated in a way to meet with the educational needs and requirements of the students; The old cold steel windows leaked rain water into the classes, the wooden doors were rotten, the floor tiles were critically cracked, and the most important was the electricity distribution system, as the building had only two electricity distribution boards, wires were severely exposed, sockets were not enough and worn out.

With great appreciation, Our school received a fund to renovate the electricity system from The Swiss Lieutenancy of the Order of the Holy Sepulcher, and got into the renovation works between July 15<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, that involved breaking the walls and floors open to lay new pipes and wires, new distribution boards, cable trays, data & electricity sockets, plastering & painting the walls, laying new floor & ceiling tiles, as shown in the attached photos.

We are still working on the next stage of the project i.e. installing Solar Panels over the school roof. We already renovated the brick layered roof, installed the panels holding structures but had to hold all works because of COVID-19, and till we get all required authorizations from The Jordanian Electricity Co., Amman Municipality, and The Jordanian Civil Defense Department.

We highly appreciate the Swiss Lieutenancy patience and prayers till we get the required authorizations, as soon as possible, to conclude this project.

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Photos of the school main door way before, during, & after electricity renovation works.



