

## **Abstract**

This case study investigates the nature of the Relationship between the Jerusalem Greek Orthodox Patriarchate, the Greek Bishops and Members of the Orthodox Denomination. The study diagnosis the up to date reality of the Patriarchate by researching deeply the dominant role of the Greek clergy and hierarchy inside the Jerusalem Patriarchate, The Euro centrism, without forgetting the importance of the historical factors, and the successive authorities that ruled Palestine in the last centuries.

The study addresses four research questions:

(1) The impact of the historical factor on the existing connections between the Jerusalem Greek Orthodox Patriarchate, the Greek Bishops and Members of the Orthodox Denomination? (2) The influence of the successive authorities that ruled Palestine to those connections? (3) The Euro Centrism involvement to those connections? (4) The reasons that affects the connections between the Patriarchate and Members of the Orthodox Denomination?

Descriptive – qualitative and librarian approach was used for this study. A series of in-depth and long detailed interviews were carried out on fourteen respondents, four Arab clergy, five public figures from the Arab Orthodox parish, and five Arab Orthodox members. The study involved field visits to various Palestinians in different geographical areas. For clarity and using the right tools in research, different lecturers have been involved in the working progress of this case study.