

## مار جور جيوس - - Saint George



St. George's Feast Day is celebrated on April 23.

Saint George was born around the year 275, most likely near Lydda, in Roman Palestine, and was probably martyred for his Christian faith at the beginning of the fourth century. It is believed that he was a soldier in the Roman army and that he was tortured and beheaded during the persecution of Christians under the Emperor Diocletian.

Saint George is one of the most venerated saints in the Catholic and Orthodox Churches and among the Anglicans as well. He is the patron Saint of England, of soldiers, of the Boy Scouts, and many other countries, organizations, churches, and cities, including Beirut, Lebanon.

The story of George's slaying the dragon, rescuing the king's daughter and converting Libya to Christianity is a twelfth century fable.

Although not many facts are known about Saint George, it is certain that he was being venerated as a saint as early as the sixth century and was referred to at that time as "one whose deed are known only to God."