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Family year blessing started. Five families each are selected and dedicated every Sunday at Holy Mass.

**FEAST CELEBRATION OF ST. GEORGE
ON SUNDAY, APRIL 26.**



Saint George was born in Lydda, Syria Palaestina. His father was Gerontius, a Greek Christian from Cappadocia, and an official in the Roman army; his mother Polychronia was a Christian from Lydda. Saint George became an officer in the Roman army in the Guard of Diocletian.

Saint George is one of the most venerated saints in the Catholic Church (Latin and Eastern), Anglican, Orthodox, East Syrian, and Miaphysite Churches. He is immortalized in the myth of Saint George and the Dragon and is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers.

On 24 February AD 303, Diocletian (influenced by Galerius) issued an edict that every Christian soldier in the army should be arrested and every other soldier should offer a sacrifice to the Roman gods of the time. However, George objected, and with the courage of his faith approached the Emperor and ruler. Diocletian was upset, not wanting to lose his best tribune and the son of his best official, Gerontius. But George loudly renounced the Emperor's edict, and in front of his fellow soldiers and tribunes he claimed himself to be a Christian and declared his worship of Jesus Christ. Diocletian attempted to convert George, even offering gifts of land, money and slaves if he made a sacrifice to the Roman gods; he made many offers, but George never accepted.

Recognizing the futility of his efforts and insisting on upholding his edict, Diocletian was left with no choice but to have George executed for his refusal. Before the execution

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സ്നേഹിക്കാനാവില്ല.



READINGS & READERS			
APRIL 26 ഉയിർപ്പുകാലം നാലാം ഞായർ / Fourth Sunday of Resurrection			
READING	PASSAGE	9:45 A.M.	11:15 A.M.
1st Reading	Isaiah 49:13-23	Jose Idiyalil	Charles Pullappallil
2nd Reading	Ephes. 2:1-7	Reethamma Accathara	Jeffna Elavumkal
Gospel	John 16:16-24	<i>Your sadness will turn into gladness.</i>	
MAY 3 ഉയിർപ്പുകാലം അഞ്ചാം ഞായർ / Fifth Sunday of Resurrection			
READING	PASSAGE	9:45 A.M.	11:15 A.M.
1st Reading	Isaiah 49:7-13	Baby Karikkal	Jithin Chemmalakuzhy
2nd Reading	Acts 9:1-9	Elsy Kalladanthiyil	Christy Kothaladyil
Gospel	John 21:1-14	<i>The Lord who cares.</i>	

FAMILY YEAR BLESSING	
APRIL 26	
Abraham and Jenni Thannikari Jaimon and Shiny Nanthikattu Sanal and Priya Thekkanattu Sunil and Dinu Chakkalackal Tomy and Jessy Puthenpurackal	
MAY 3	
Dr. Siju and Magi Thalackal Kurian and Elamma Nellamattathil Mathew and Regi Idiyalil Mathew and Mary Panayaparambil Tomy Kunnasseril	

CHURCH SCHEDULE	
MONDAY & FRIDAY, APRIL 20 - 24, 2015 Holy Mass at 7:00 P.M. Adoration for Children on Friday after Holy Mass. Feast Day of St. George on Friday.	
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015. Feast Day of St. Mark the Evangelist. Holy Mass and novena at 10:00 A.M.	
SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2015. Holy Mass and Rel. Edu. Class at 9:45 A.M. Feast Celebration of St. George at 9:45 A.M. English Mass at 11:15 A.M. Holy Family and St. Stephen Koodarayogam at 6:00 P.M. at the house of Tomy and Jessy Puthenpurackal 9064 Stansted, Woodridge, IL 60517. 630-842-7003.	
MONDAY & THURSDAY, APRIL 27 - 30, 2015 Holy Mass at 7:00 P.M. St. Anthony Novena on Tuesday and St. Joseph Novena on Wednesday.	
FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015. Feast Day of St. Joseph, the worker Holy Mass at 7:00 P.M. First Friday Adoration after Holy Mass. May devotion (മെയ് മാസ വണക്കം) starts today.	
SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015. Holy Mass and novena at 10:00 A.M. St. Alphonsa Koodarayogam at 6:30 P.M. the house of Joby Mattathil, 325 Woodside Dr., Bloomingdale. 630-923-1115.	
SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015. Feast day of Sts. Philip & James Holy Mass and Rel. Edu. Class at 9:45 A.M. Feast Celebration of St. Joseph at 9:45 A.M. English Mass at 11:15 A.M. Blessing of Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries.	

George gave his wealth to the poor and prepared himself. After various torture sessions, including laceration on a wheel of swords in which he was resuscitated three times, George was executed by decapitation before Nicomedia's city wall, on 23 April 303. A witness of his suffering convinced Empress Alexandra and Athanasius, a pagan priest, to become Christians as well, and so they joined George in martyrdom. His body was returned to Lydda for burial, where Christians soon came to honor him as a martyr.

In the Legend, a dragon or crocodile makes its nest at the spring that provides water for the city of "Silene". Consequently, the citizens have to dislodge the dragon from its nest for a time, to collect water. To do so, each day they offer the dragon at first a sheep, and if no sheep can be found, then a maiden is the best substitute for one. The victim is chosen by drawing lots. One day, this happens to be the princess. The monarch begs for her life to be spared, but to no avail. She is offered to the dragon, but then Saint George appears on his travels. He faces the dragon, protects himself with the sign of the Cross, slays the dragon, and rescues the princess. The citizens abandon their ancestral paganism and convert to Christianity.

OFFERINGS	April 19
Sunday Mass Offering	1,195.00
Annual Contribution	360.00
Shrine Offering	100.00
St. Anthony Novena	145.00
Family Year Offering	601.00
TOTAL	2,401.00
AGAPE MOVEMENT	
Agape Store St. Mary's	76.00
Agape Store Sacred Heart	40.00
TOTAL AGAPE	116.00