***St George***

St George is patron of land and crops, green acres and cattle. He is also a patron saint of Turopolje, our region. St Georges feast is held on 23 April, this is also when our school celebrates her day. He is also a part of a schools Coat of arms, where he is depicted while killing a dragon. This illustration was one of the reasons why we chose a little dragon as our mascot

The legend goes somewhat like this: once there lived a dragon in a lake near town Silene. Every day people brought him food, mostly sheep and lamb, calf or some other animal. With time dragon started to want more and demanded a sacrifice of young girls and boys. Those chosen by the dice were thrown to the dragon. One time the dice fell on the king’s daughter. But while she was going to meet her destiny she met St George who promised her that he will help her if the king agrees to be baptized together with all of his subordinates. The king, hesitating nay, promises to leave his pagan gods. Now Saint George was off to kill the dragon. He waited for him to get out from the lake and then he charged him on his horse and speared him in his neck. He roped the wounded dragon with a silk scarf and took him to the kings’ castle. When the king acknowledged once again that he will be baptized, St George slays the dragon.

There are numerous legends, or better said myths about St George, and this was just one of them. In February we will talk more about him for then we will do the legends.