

SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY

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St. Valentine's Day comes on February 14.

It is widely celebrated among people of all ages.

Valentine's Day is a time when people in love express their feelings to those whom they love or adore. Some people give greeting cards, flowers, chocolates, perfumes or jewelry to their admirers or partners while others take their loved ones for a romantic dinner at a restaurant or even propose to get married.



The legend tells us a story of an Italian monk Valentine who helped young people to marry breaching thus the ruler's law. St Valentine was executed but people still remember him and celebrate this saint's day as a day of love. The best presents are small trifles, chocolates and greeting cards.



THE HISTORY OF THE HOLIDAY

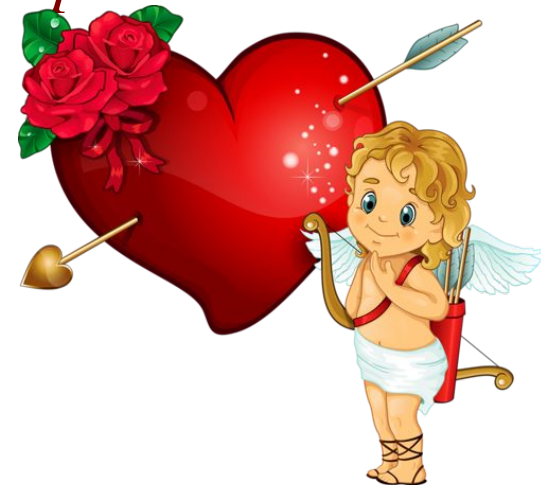
St. Valentine's Day is a religious holiday. Do you know, who was St. Valentine? One of the legends says, he was a Christian priest, who had been thrown in prison for his teaching. On February 14, Valentine was beheaded, not only because he performed a miracle—he cured the jailer's daughter from her blindness the night before he was executed—but he wrote a letter to the girl signing it «From your Valentine».





TRADITIONS

- ◉ *In some countries, a young woman may receive a gift of clothing from a young man. If she keeps the gift, it means she will marry him.*
- ◉ *If a woman saw a goldfish, she would marry a millionaire.*
- ◉ *In Wales wooden love spoons were carved and given as gifts on February, 14. Hearts, keys were favourite decorations on the spoons.*





CUPID

- ◎ Cupid is the most famous Valentine symbol, who is known as a winged child whose arrows signify desires and emotions of love. Cupid aims those arrows at Gods and humans, causing them to fall deeply in love. To the Romans he was Cupid, and his mother was Venus.
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