




**February 14  
Valentine's Day**

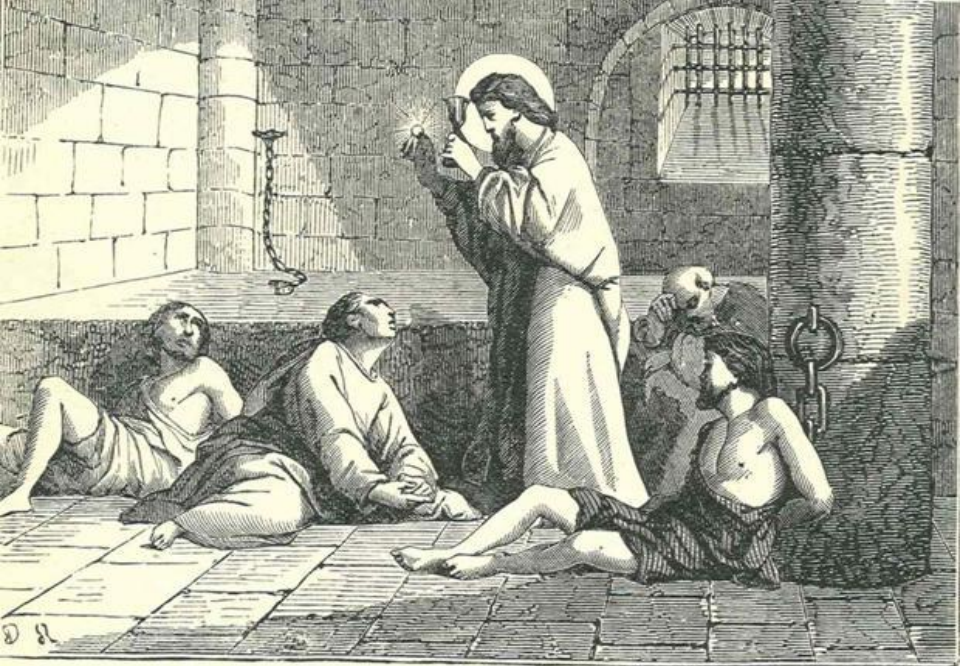
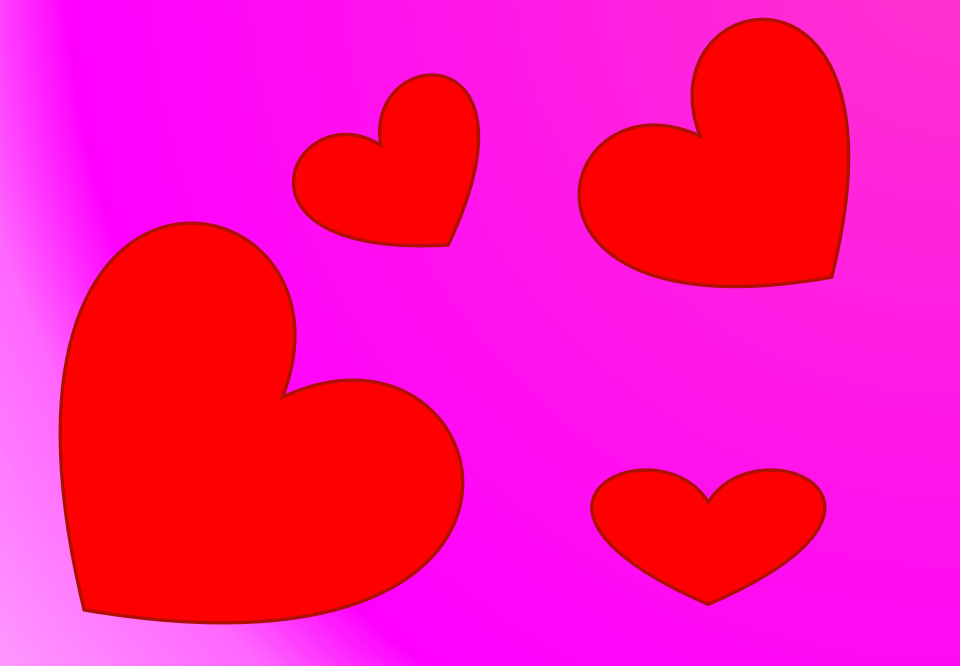
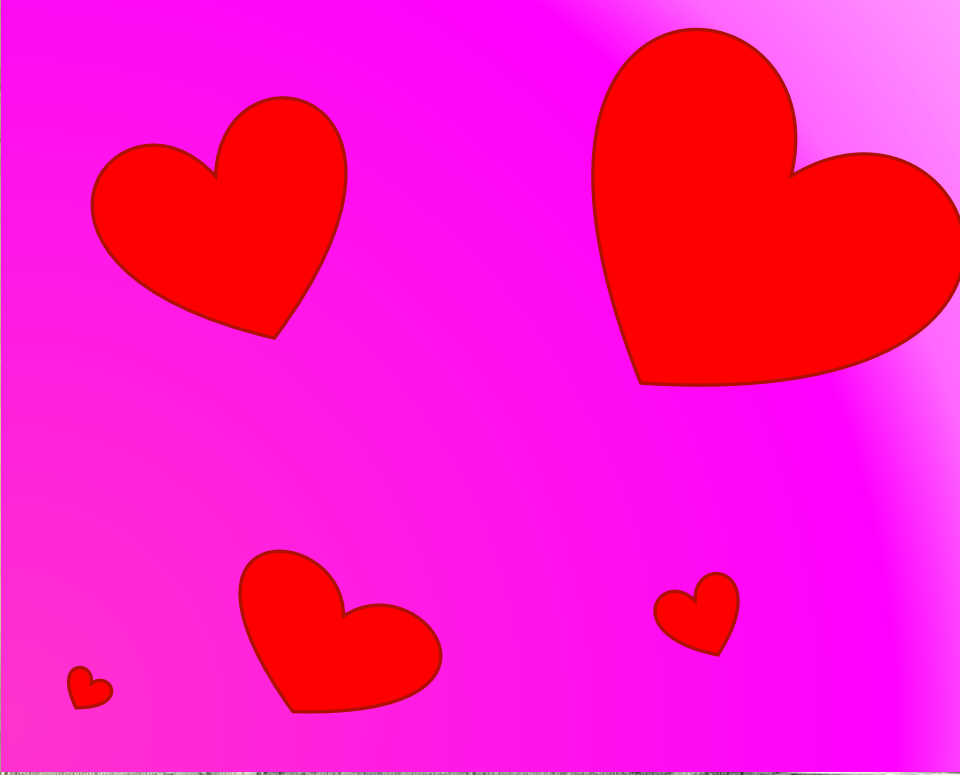
A heart-shaped wreath of red roses is centered on a light-colored wooden surface. In the center of the wreath is a white heart-shaped cutout with a thin red border. Inside this cutout, there is a message in black, bold, sans-serif font.

**Dear All Happy Valentine Day !!!  
Be loved, take care of each other.  
Do not be afraid to confess your  
love ...**

## A bit of history

There are several legends about the day of Saint Valentine. One of them says that in those remote and dark times, the imperious and cruel Roman emperor Claudius II came to the conclusion that a lonely man, not burdened by his wife and family, would better fight on the battlefield to the glory of Caesar, and forbade men to marry, and women and girls to marry favorite men. And St. Valentine was an ordinary field doctor and a priest who sympathized with the unfortunate lover and secretly from everyone, under the cover of night, consecrated the marriage of loving men and women. Soon the activity of St. Valentine became known to the authorities, and he was put in prison, sentenced to death. In conclusion, Saint Valentine became acquainted with the beautiful daughter of the supervisor - Julia. The enamored priest before his death wrote a beloved declaration of love - a valentine, where he told about his love, and signed it "Your Valentine". It was read already after he was executed, and the execution itself occurred on February 14, 269







## How to celebrate Valentine's Day in England

In England, St. Valentine's Day was celebrated beginning around the 17th century. There were times when, on February 14, the British gave gifts to each other secretly, and a couple selected themselves according to the lot. By the end of the 17th century, paper valentines became popular. Sometimes they were made of colored paper and signed with multicolored ink. Sometimes pierced with pins like a lace, and stained using a stencil.

In medieval England, the custom of choosing "Valentine" was widespread. Several young people gathered together, wrote the names of the girls on pieces of parchment, put them in a hat and pulled lots. That girl, whose name fell out to the young man, for a whole year became his "Valentine", and he was her "Valentine". "Valentine" wrote his sonnet, played it on the lute, accompanied everywhere, in a word, behaved like a real knight.



In America at the beginning of the last century it was customary to send marzipans to their brides, who were quite expensive

In Denmark, people send each other dried white flowers

Italy - the founder of this holiday, it is considered a "sweet day." They give sweetness in the form of hearts



*Happy Valentine's Day*

