

St. Sarkis' Valentine's Day Card Holder



Saint Sarkis is one of the most beloved Armenian Saints to modern Armenians as he is the **Armenian Patron Saint of love and youth**. Valentine's Day is almost here, so to prepare, make Valentine's Day card holders and dedicate them to St. Sarkis.

Encourage students to bring Valentine cards for all of their classmates on Sunday, February 12, to put in their Valentine card holders. (Teachers will want to remind students to bring Valentine cards, or make cards in Sunday school.) Be sure to make extra card holders for any students who are absent.

Supplies

- Two 10" Paper or Plastic Plates
- Ribbon, Yarn, or String
- Hole punch
- Scissors
- Glue
- **Easier Option:** Stapler, (if you prefer not to "lace" plates together, use a stapler!)

Instructions

1. Cut one of the paper plates in half. Hold the plates' fronts together and punch all around the bottom $\frac{1}{2}$ of plates, approximately every inch. (OR simply staple plates together along bottom $\frac{1}{2}$.)
2. Beginning at what would be the left, center (or "9:00" if the plate were a clock), lace all around the bottom $\frac{1}{2}$ using ribbon, yarn, or string.
3. Punch 2 holes at the top, about an inch apart, to attach a ribbon/string to hang.
3. Decorate the front plate including as many ideas below . . . or some of your own!
 - Glue a paper Heart at the top and write student's Name in middle, (*English and/or Armenian*)
 - Somewhere on plate, have students copy: "St. Sarkis, Armenian Patron Saint of Love"
 - Cut out Horseshoes and glue to front plate to represent St. Sarkis, the Warrior's, horse
 - Glue paper Hearts to the front plate and in the middle, write messages or scriptures like:
 - *Christian Courage*
 - *Trust in God*
 - *Love God*
 - *John 15:12, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."*
 - *1 Corinthians 13:4, "Love is patient, love is kind . . ."*

