

My Church Collection Plate

“give, and it will be given to you . . .” Luke 6:38

Collection Plate in the Armenian Church - Donations are a vital part of the sustainability of the Church. It must be borne in mind that the offering made by the faithful is an integral part of the Divine Liturgy. It must be received with reverence. Without the offering, the Liturgy is not quite complete. There must not be excessive concern over 'disturbing' the people at collection time. Two Ushers with collection plates, shall walk down the center and side aisles, stop at the first pews, face the Holy Altar, make the sign of the Cross, and, after waiting for a moment, step back and pass the offering plates to the faithful in the pews. They shall face the Holy Altar while collecting the offering.

Encourage your students to take home their collection plates and earn money during the week by helping out around their homes. They may bring their collections back to church the following Sunday to put in the church collection plate.

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Paper Plates
- Aluminum foil (*you may like to precut into sheets the size needed to cover your paper plate.*)
- Construction paper (gold, of possible)
- Permanent markers (Sharpies)
- Glue stick
- *Optional: Ask your Parish Council for packets of “mahs” for children to place in the center of their collection plates to take home.*

DIRECTIONS:

- Give each child a paper plate and a sheet of aluminum foil.
- Instruct children to carefully cover their paper plates with the foil, (being careful not to tear the foil).
- Using the construction paper, cutout shapes that represent church, such as a Cross, Dove, Candle, etc. Glue to the center of the plate.
- Using Sharpie markers, allow students to write the name of your church at the top of the plate and decorate with any other religious symbols and/or words.
- *Optional: Place a packet of “mahs” in the center of each collection plate for students to take home.*

