ST. VALENTINE OF ROME

Αγιος Ουαλεντινος ο Ιερομαρτυρας

February 14

Name_____ Grade_____

Valentine of Rome
(c. 270)

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Patronage:

Venerated in:
Eastern Orthodox Church
Roman Catholic Church
Anglican Communion Church
Lutheran Church

Relics:
skull is found in Church of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome, Italy

Valentine was a priest in Rome and a physician. He was arrested for helping other martyrs during the persecutions against the Christians. He was put in jail and was able to convert his guard, Asterius, and his entire family to Christianity. Emperor Claudius the Goth became enraged and ordered Valentine to be beaten with clubs and then beheaded. Asterius and his family are also said to have been martyred.

After his execution, a young woman by the name of Sabinilla took his body and buried it on her property on the Via Flaminia, where a church was erected in 350. This church was destroyed in the 7th century by Honorius I.

There is no evidence linking the tradition of giving Valentine's Day cards with the saint. According to legend, St. Valentine sent a farewell message to his jailer's daughter the day before he was executed, signed "from your Valentine". Others link this tradition to a Roman pagan holiday, Lupercalia, which was celebrated mid-February.

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The skull of St. Valentine, found in the Church of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome, Italy

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