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**Proposal B.**

**St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church**

**Parish Assembly**

**22 February 1998**

***Whereas:***

The practice of tithing was established by Abraham when he gave a tithe of all his profits from battles with the Canaanites to Melchizedek, priest of God Most High. (Genesis 14:18-20)

***Whereas:***

God taught through Moses that we must offer the first fruits of our labor to Him. (Leviticus 1)

***Whereas:***

Jesus commands us to humbly and generously give to the church. (Mark 12: 41-44)

***Whereas:***

Scriptures remind us that our lives are a gift from God, and that we should present ourselves to God as "living sacrifices, dedicated and fit for His acceptance." (Romans 12: 1-3)

***Be it therefore proposed that***

1) St. Mary Armenian Church of Washington, DC encourage and teach the spiritual discipline of tithing in the parish.

2) St. Mary Armenian Church of Washington, DC include a line item in its annual budget that reflects income received from tithes.

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