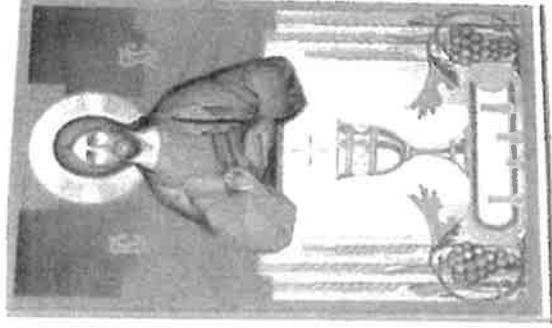


## The Eucharist is Central

Over the past few weeks we have been discovering a few things about Jesus. Remember a few weeks back we found Jesus at a wedding feast. We know that Jesus liked to dine with friends, he often visited his friends Martha, Mary and Lazarus...he must have enjoyed Martha's good cooking the Bible tells us that she worked tirelessly to make a great dinner for the Lord. Seems that Jesus loved a good meal, he even ate with sinners. We know Jesus performed a great miracle with a few loaves of bread and some fish...in fact as this chapter of John begins, we find Jesus preaching to a very hungry multitude. As he finishes his message, he realizes that the people have been sitting and listening to him for so long, that they were physically hungry. If our math is correct, Jesus fed nearly 15,000 people that day. After all the people were satisfied the disciples took up 12 baskets filled with the fragments of this miracle. One basket for every doubting disciple!

This remarkable miracle served as a life sized illustration for a sermon that Jesus was about to preach, a portion of which we have just read. In this passage, John paints a new portrait of the Lord Jesus Christ which is different from the other Gospels. In this passage, Jesus is presented as 'The Bread of Life'. What a remarkably interesting portrait of Our Lord!

Bread is a substance known and used by every society on the face of the earth. From the American who selects his favorite bread from the supermarket shelf, to the savage who cooks his daily ration of bread on a stone beside his fire, bread is consumed by people everywhere, a main staple in most diets. Bread has a satisfying quality that few other food products have. So, any way you slice it, bread compliments any table. With that in mind, it is very obvious why Jesus is portrayed as The "Bread of Life".



Yes, Jesus is the Bread of Life...the true bread that the entire world needs. He satisfies all those who partake of Him. In John's Gospel, the story is different than in the other Gospel accounts. After filling their stomachs with physical bread, Jesus offers more teaching about the Eucharist (Holy Communion). In Greek *Eucharist* means "thanksgiving". The Eucharist is central to the Orthodox faith. Jesus says, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them to life on the last day." Through the Eucharist we build our relationship with Jesus and with other members of our Holy Armenian Church. As you receive Holy Communion, remind yourself of how it also unites you with Christians around the world.

The five "P's" of Heaven's Bread, is...

1. **Heaven's Bread is a Person**...not a faith denomination but a person...SALVATION comes through Jesus Christ himself.

2. **Heaven's Bread Has Power** - This Heavenly Bread has the power to save, secure and satisfy every sinner who comes to Him in faith.
3. **Heaven's Bread Has Promise** -- if offers man Everlasting life! When Jesus is received, He gives a salvation that lasts for all eternity. The simple fact is that whoever places their faith in Jesus is going to live forever!
4. **Heaven's Bread Has a Price** - Before Heaven's Bread can be enjoyed by the sinner, it must be received by the sinner.
5. **Heaven's bread Performs-** it grants salvation, gives satisfaction, guarantees our security.

**One Bread...One Body...One Lord of All... Sample:**

**Lord to me you are...**

**Body**

**B** \_\_\_\_\_

**Real Presence**

**Everlasting**

**R** \_\_\_\_\_

**Almighty**

**Deliverance**

**E** \_\_\_\_\_

**A** \_\_\_\_\_

**D** \_\_\_\_\_

Select one of the five 'P' of Heaven's Bread and explain in your own words how the Bread fulfills its identity as a person, power, promise, price or how it performs?

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**THE ACROSTIC**

Put three words  
On each line  
Easy if you  
Make it rhyme



# Acrostic Poem

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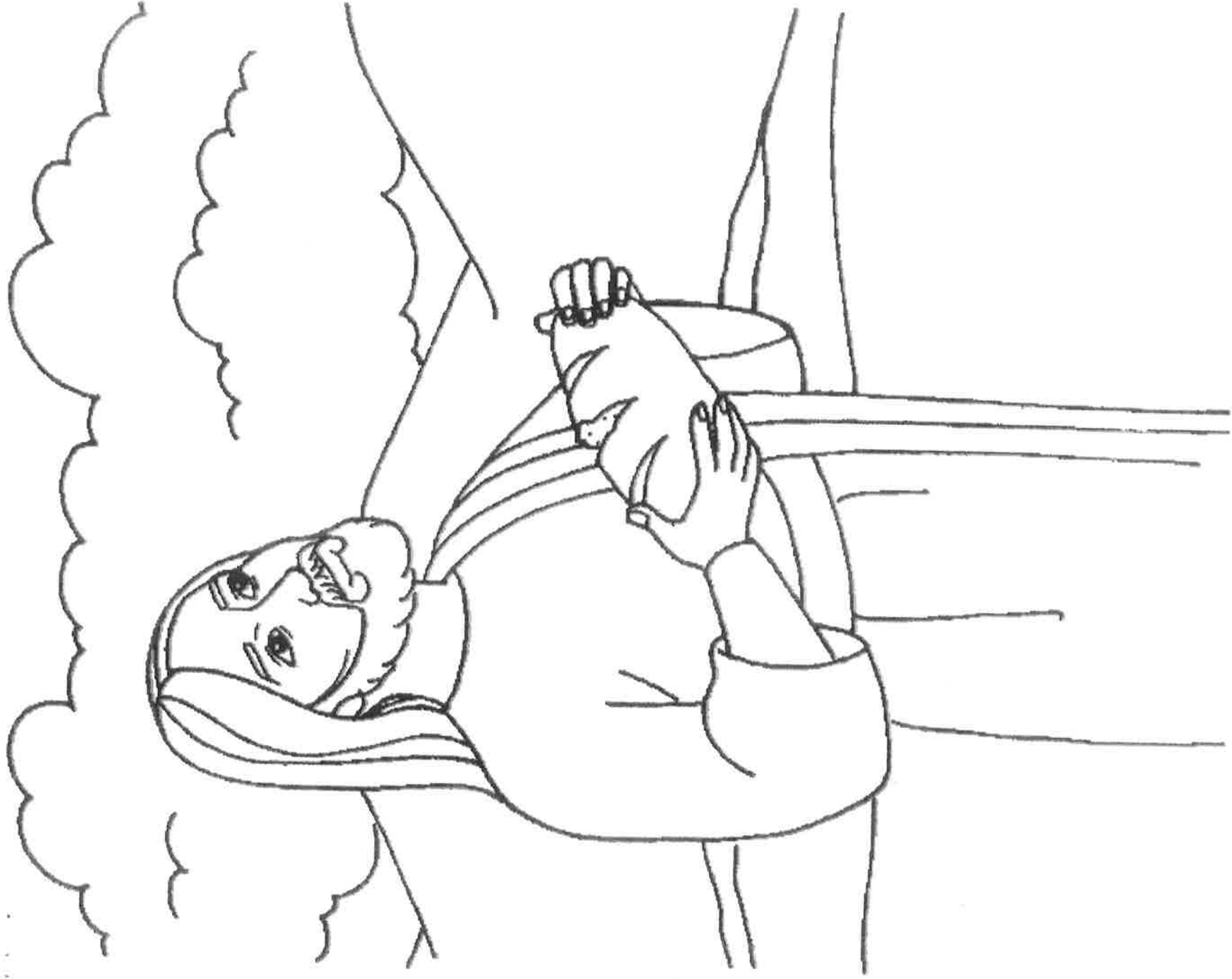
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# JESUS the Bread of Life



"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."  
John 6:51 (NIV)

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M E S D B V D J E I L I S T E N U  
O U Y P B E R L R N K Z X I V  
R S Z X V B N P T W G N M M



Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Hewho comes to me will never go hungry."  
John 6:35a (NIV)