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The parish of this church was founded in Killisnoo in 1794. The church building at Killisnoo, built at a date not yet documented, was destroyed together with other buildings in 1927. After that fire many people moved from Killisnoo to this place to work in a whaling factory and in a plant which converted herring to fertilizer. Construction of the present church was conducted during 1928-1929. It was consecrated November 18, 1929, by Father G. Prosoroff. The bell tower and cross were blessed by Father Stehenpha Shabanoff on November 21, 1929. The church bells were moved here from Killisnoo on March 15, 1930. (Kreta, Notes; Wallace, 1974, 126).

This church illustrates an effective merger of southeast Alaska coastal village cottage design with elements of the traditional R.O. church symbolism. As such this is an architectural exhibit of both genres. The church is one large wooden chamber set on pilings, a rectangle 49'10" in length and 25'10" in width. There are three evenly spaced double-hung, 2-light window sashes on the north and south walls. The roof is a medium-angle gable covered by galvanized metal, capped at the west end of the ridge by a well-scaled hexagonal open cupola and bell tower, exposed through its full circumference by six archways, capped by a pyramidal roof, from which spires a slender onion shape as the base of the single high cross. The eaves of the roof are open, with the rafters exposed. The north and south overhangs of the roof are supported at either end by five severely simple unornamented stick brackets. The east (altar) end is further lighted by a pair of evenly spaced windows identical to those on the north and south walls. (Kreta/Merculief, Photos).

QUAD: Stepovak Bay

1. St. John the Theologian Church (AHRS SITE NO. XSB-003)
2. LOCATION
 - a. NA
 - b. Perryville
 - c. NA
 - d. Alaska
 - e. 02
 - f. Aleutian Islands Division
 - g. 010
3. AHRS DATE: May 18, 1973

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4. CONDITION: Good
5. UNALTERED
6. ORIGINAL SITE

The village of Perryville was founded in 1912 by survivors of the village of Katmai, whose habitability was destroyed by the 1912 volcanic eruptions. The date when this church was built has not been documented, but was soon after the establishment of the community of Perryville. But for the single octagonal cupola and spiring R.O. cross which rises from its low-angle octagonal pyramidal roof, this would appear little different, except in length, from other buildings in the community. This is a long rectangular shape, with the altar extension at the east end and the vestibule extension at the west end. The three elements total 57'6" in overall length, with each segment, from west to east, measuring, successively, 8'1", 36'7", and 12'9", in length; and, in width, 13'3", 18'8", and 13', successively. The altar (east) section is covered by a medium angle hip roof, the main (nave) section by a medium angle gable roof, and the vestibule by a medium angle hip roof. The walls are covered by a novelty siding on the north, west, and south sides, and by shakes on the east end. The roof surfaces are shingled. (Undated Floor Plan; Kreta, Notes; Wallace, 1974, 54; Kreta/Merculief, Photos; Colby, 1939, 331).

QUAD: Trinity Islands

1. Protection of the Theotokos Chapel (AHRS SITE NO. XTI-021)
2. LOCATION
 - a. NA
 - b. Akhiok
 - c. NA
 - d. Alaska
 - e. 02
 - f. Kodiak Division
 - g. 150
3. AHRS DATE: May 18, 1973

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QUAD: SITKA (C-2)

St. John the Baptist Church, Angoon (AHRS SITE NO. SIT-055)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Building is sited on Lot 1, Block 1, U.S. Survey map sheet 1567, executed in October and November, 1927. Sited also on BLM Photographic Atlas, "Angoon 1965"; and, on State of Alaska, "City of Angoon Alaska," aerial photo map (1971).

QUAD: STEPOVAK BAY (D-4)

St. John the Theologean Church, Perryville (AHRS SITE NO. XSB-003)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Only building in this remote Alaskan Native village surmounted by formally-designed octagonal parapet topped by a Russian Orthodox high cross. Sited in BLM Photographic Atlas, "Perryville 1968".

QUAD: TRINITY ISLANDS (D-1)

Protection of the Theotokos Chapel, Akhiok (AHRS SITE NO. XTI-021)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Building is sited on U.S. Survey map sheet 567, enclosed. Also sited on BLM Photographic Atlas, "Akhiok 1967".

QUAD: UGASHIK (C-5)

St. Nicholas Church, Pilot Point (AHRS SITE NO. UGA-033)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Building is sited on U.S. Survey map sheet 891, attached. Also sited on BLM Photographic Atlas, "Pilot Point 1963".

QUAD: UNIMAK

Sir Alexander Nevsky Chapel, Akutan (AHRS SITE NO. UNI-028)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Building is sited on U.S. Survey map sheet 780, enclosed.

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QUADRANGLE NAME: Sitka (C-2)

LOCATION: Angoon

NAME OF PROPERTY AND AHRS NUMBER: St. John the Baptist Church (AHRS SITE NO. SIT-055)

QUADRANGLE SCALE: 1: 63, 360

UTM REFERENCE:

ZONE: 0 8

EASTING: 5 2 4 9 2 1

NORTHING: 6 3 7 3 0 6 5

QUADRANGLE NAME: Stepovak Bay (D-4)

LOCATION: Perryville

NAME OF PROPERTY AND AHRS NUMBER: St. John the Theologian Church (AHRS SITE NO. XSB-003)

QUADRANGLE SCALE: 1: 63, 360

UTM REFERENCE:

ZONE: 0 4

EASTING: 4 9 1 0 9 2

NORTHING: 6 1 9 6 1 3 6