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

This is a square log building, 17'9" on each side, covered by a pyramidal galvanized metal-sheathed roof from whose peak spires an over-sized R. O. cross. The side walls are lighted by pairs of vertical 6-light window sashes separated by single mullions. The front entrance is through a single-leaf plywood door from an uncovered plank-floored porch.

This simple log church, constructed here in 1923, is the evocation of a rural R. O. church structure in Alaska, an outstanding example of durable utile architectural simplicity. (Kreta, Notes; Kreta/Mercurief, Photos).

QUAD: McGrath

1. Presentation of Our Lord Chapel (AHRS SITE NO. MCG-002)
2. LOCATION
 - a. NA
 - b. Nikolai
 - c. NA
 - d. Alaska
 - e. 02
 - f. Kuskokwim Division
 - g. 160
3. AHRS DATE: May 18, 1973
4. CONDITION: Good
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This is the second R. O. church built on this site. The first, a log building, was constructed in 1915. The parish probably began long before that date in Old Nikolai, and moved because of river flooding of the old village site. In 1929, considering the 1915 log church too small, it was torn down and replaced by the present church building. Some of the 1929 villagers identified as working on this construction included Theodore Pitka, Deaphon Nicholai, Divaian Wassillie, Andrew Dennis, and Miska Deaphon. (Kreta, Notes).

This is a simple church of pleasing proportions, constructed in the traditional three segments, with the linear measurements of the vestibule, nave and altar, respectively, 11'10", 23'10", and 11'9", and their respective widths, successively, 16'3", 18'1", and 16'6". The nave is covered by a four-sided pyramidal roof surmounted at its peak by an octagonal cylinder covered by a Russian-type onion-shaped crown from which spires the high R. O. cross, balanced on a small sphere. The south wall of this segment is fenestrated by two double-hung, 6-light window sashes. The north wall has one stationary 6-pane sash. The vestibule and altar sections are virtually identical in dimensions, and each is covered by a medium-angle gable roof, with large scale R. O. crosses rising from the roof ridge mid-points. At the west end, the actual entrance is on the south, rather than the west, wall. The north wall of the vestibule is lighted by a 6-pane light, as are the north and south walls of the altar space. (Father P. Merculief, Floor Plan, May 25, 1976; Kreta, Notes; Kreta/Merculief, Photos).

Another source claims that the earlier church actually was built in 1898, a few miles up river from this location, and moved here in 1918, rather than being built here in 1915. There is probably some semblance of fact in this as well as the version related above. (Wallace, 1974, 70).

QUAD: Naknek

1. St. John the Baptist Chapel (AHRS SITE NO. NAK-023)
2. LOCATION
 - a. NA
 - b. Naknek
 - c. NA
 - d. Alaska
 - e. 02
 - f. Bristol Bay Borough Division
 - g. 060

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QUAD: KODIAK (D-2)

Nativity of Our Lord Chapel, Ouzinkie (AHRS SITE NO. KOD-193)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Building is sited on Tract A of U.S. Survey map sheet 470, enclosed. Sited also on BLM Photographic Atlas, "Ouzinkie 1965".

QUAD: LIME HILLS (B-7)

Saints Constantine and Helen Chapel, Lime Village (AHRS SITE NO. LIM-001)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Property is sited on unnumbered U.S. Survey map sheet, enclosed.

QUAD: MCGRATH (D-3)

Presentation of Our Lord Chapel, Nikolai (AHRS SITE NO. MCG-002)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Building sited on unnumbered U.S. Survey map sheet 570 feet west 32° south of powerplant. Sited also on BLM Photographic Atlas, "Nikolai 1968" and State of Alaska, "City of Nikolai Alaska," aerial photo map (1972, 1973).

QUAD: NAKNEK (C-4)

St. John the Baptist Chapel, Naknek (AHRS SITE NO. NAK-023)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Building is sited 2,160 feet west 7° south of Naknek power plant building, sited on U.S. Survey map sheet 880, enclosed. Sited also on BLM Photographic Atlas, "Naknek and South Naknek 1962"; and on State of Alaska, "Naknek and So. Naknek Alaska," aerial photo map (1970, 1971).

QUAD: NAKNEK (C-3)

Elevation of Holy Cross Church, South Naknek (AHRS SITE NO. NAK-022)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Building is sited on U.S. Survey map sheet 3008, enclosed. Sited also on BLM Photographic Atlas, "Naknek and South Naknek 1962"; and on State of Alaska, "Naknek and So. Naknek, Alaska," aerial photo map (1970, 1971).

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QUADRANGLE NAME: Lime Hills (B-7)

LOCATION: Lime Village

NAME OF PROPERTY AND AHRS NUMBER: Saints Constantine and Helen Chapel (AHRS
SITE NO. LIM-001)

QUADRANGLE SCALE: 1: 63, 360

UTM REFERENCE:

ZONE: 0 5

EASTING: 3 6 9 8 6 8

NORTHING: 6 8 0 4 6 7 6

QUADRANGLE NAME: McGrath (D-3)

LOCATION: Nikolai

NAME OF PROPERTY AND AHRS NUMBER: Presentation of our Lord Chapel (AHRS SITE
NO. MCG-002)

QUADRANGLE SCALE: 1: 63, 360

UTM REFERENCE:

ZONE: 0 5

EASTING: 4 4 1 0 8 8

NORTHING: 6 9 8 1 9 9 2