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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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This is a simple village church built soon after 1900, into which were built some details reminiscent of the more ambitious churches built ten to twenty years earlier at Belkofsky and Karluk. The 30'4" long and 20'5.5" wide nave, and, east of that, the 15'7" long and 14'3.5" wide altar chamber, are of cottage type There are three double-hung 12-pane windows on each of the north and design. south walls of the nave and one on each of the longitudinal walls of the altar section. The roofs of both sections are medium-angle gable roofs, the longer ridge line surmounted by a rather plain fenestrated cupola surmounted by a medium angle pyramidal roof, from which spires a R.O. cross. At the west end of the nave is a rectangular two-tier bell tower covered by a truncated pyramidal roof that rises to just below the ridge line of the altar section, and is about one foot into the nave section roof line. The smooth-faced double-leaf doors to the tower are on the south face, over a wide open porch and balustraded stairway. Above the door is a 6-segment round light, unusually ornamented by a nautical intertwined design, repeated on the north and west faces. The round light is reminiscent of both the Belkofsky and Karluk churches. The design is unique in its style. The tower is surmounted by a cupola of squared base, and covered by a pyramidal roof from which spires the high cross. The cupola is open by arches marked by half-height picket fencing on all four sides; the arches, once again, adapted from the two earlier churches, but here enhanced by painted ornamentation, suggestive of a Byzantine design model. (Wallace, 1974, 31; Kreta, Notes; Kreta/Merculief, Photos).

This is not the first church building on this site or in the community. At least one earlier church carried the name of Holy Trinity Church. Its name was changed because the Feastday fell during fishing season, when everyone was away. (Kreta, Notes).

QUAD: Ugashik

1. St. Nicholas Church (AHRS SITE NO. UGA-033)

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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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