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2. LOCATION
 - a. NA
 - b. Pilot Point
 - c. NA
 - d. Alaska
 - e. 02
 - f. Bristol Bay Division
 - g. 070
3. AHRS DATE: May 18, 1973
4. CONDITION: Fair
5. UNALTERED
6. ORIGINAL SITE

One account dates this present church from 1886, another from 1912. It is a modest rectangular building, 48'6" in length and 15'5" in width, covered in clapboard siding and covered by a medium-angle roof, hipped at the eastern (altar) end and gabled at the western (entry) end, with a small 7'3" by 8'4" entry porch. It is marked by three small symbolic R.O. crosses at the ends and at the mid-point of the roof ridge. Three double-hung 12-light windows on each of the north and south walls, three six-pane lights, one in the west gable, and one each on the north and south walls of the entry porch, light the building. At the south wall of the entry porch a single church bell hangs from an external bell rack. The church is in every way a model of utility. (Kreta, Notes; Undated Floor Plan; Wallace, 1974, 20, 90, Plates 23, 107; Kreta/Merculief, Photos).

QUAD: Unimak

1. Sir Alexander Nevsky Chapel (AHRS SITE NO. UNI-028)
2. LOCATION
 - a. NA
 - b. Akutan
 - c. NA

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- d. Alaska
 - e. 02
 - f. Aleutian Islands Division
 - g. 010
3. AHRS DATE: May 18, 1973
4. CONDITION: Good
5. UNALTERED
6. ORIGINAL SITE

This is the second church on this site and in this community. The parish was founded and the former church constructed about 1878, the year that the village was established by people coming from Tigalda, Akun, and other nearby islands. The first church was of approximately the same dimensions as the present one, and only different in the shape of its roof. The former roof was a high-angle hip, while the present roof is gabled. The first church was torn down and replaced by the present church in 1918. Much of the lumber in the present church was salvaged from the former 1878 building. (Kreta, Notes; Wallace, 1974, 53, Plates 66, 67).

The present (1918) church is a pretty cottage-type building, 33' by 18'5" in extent, with an 8'1" by 12' vestibule. The main building is clapboarded, while the vestibule is sided in a novelty-type siding. The medium-angle gable roofs are shingled. The only exterior symbolic ornamentation is in the form of a high cross rising from the mid-point of the main building roof ridge line, and a lesser cross from the east end of the vestibule roof ridge line. The vestibule is somewhat different -- not unusual -- in its dimensions, rising to a second level, within an inch or two of the height of the main structure. The main building fenestration consists of three 9-pane window sashes on each of the north and south walls, and the vestibule has a 4-pane sash on each of its north and south walls. The front entrance door is a single-leaf with strap hinges on the west face of the vestibule, and a farm-type hay-loading door at a second level over the main front entrance door. There is a second door on the north face of the vestibule at the left of the small 4-pane window, an ordinary appearing 6-panel door, which probably is the one used for ordinary daily access. A single bell is hung in a simple horizontal rack from the northwest corner of the building, just below the roof eave. In a similar location the first church building

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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: Unimak

LOCATION: Akutan

NAME OF PROPERTY AND AHRS NUMBER: Sir Alexander Nevsky Chapel (AHRS SITE NO. UNI-028)

QUADRANGLE SCALE: 1: 250, 000

UTM REFERENCE:

ZONE: 0 3

EASTING: 4 4 9 2 0 0

NORTHING: 5 9 9 8 6 9 8

QUADRANGLE NAME: _____

LOCATION: _____

NAME OF PROPERTY AND AHRS NUMBER: _____

QUADRANGLE SCALE: _____

UTM REFERENCE:

ZONE: ---

EASTING: -----

NORTHING: -----

U.S. Survey

OF THE

RUSSIAN-GREEK MISSION RESERVE

Situate at

VILLAGE OF AKUTAN,

Island of Akutan,

DISTRICT OF ALASKA

AREA:

TRACT A 0.76 acres

TRACT B 2.75 "

Total Area 3.51 acres.

Scale: Inch = 200 chains
Variation 1700'

Assurveyed under Contract No. 22 dated Dec. 1, 1907.

By

John A. McQuinn,

U.S. Deputy Surveyor

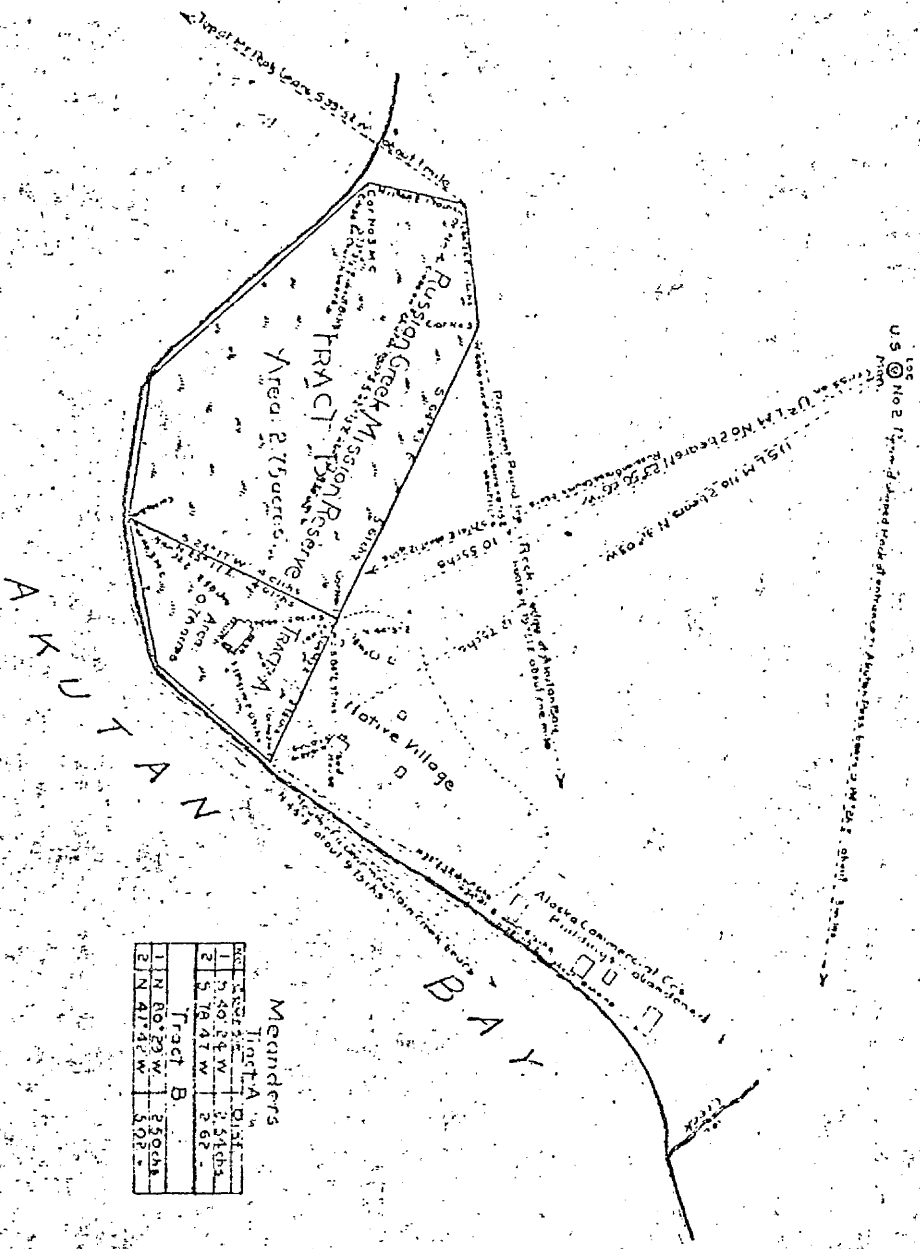
Aug-14-16-1907.

U.S. Surveyor General's Office,

Juneau, Alaska, Nov. 12, 1907

The above map of the Russian Greek Mission Reserve at Akutan, Alaska, is strictly conformable to the field notes of the survey thereof on file in this office, which have been examined and approved.

John A. McQuinn
U.S. Surveyor General for
District of Alaska



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Tract	Area	Dist.
Tract A	0.76	3.51
Tract B	2.75	3.51
Total	3.51	3.51

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**National Register of Historic Places
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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION APPROVAL
(Sir Alexander Nevsky Chapel changed to
St. Alexander Nevsky Chapel)

for Keeper *Stolman/Bryant* 8/15/91