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5. UNALTERED

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This is a modest church building, reportedly constructed soon after 1900, in the style and of the dimensions of the preceding small R. O. church at Naknek, prior to its enlargement. The main chamber of this church retains its original size, and its original north and south wall lighting by three sets of windows. The entry vestibule, which is unfinished in the Naknek church, here has been finished. The building's exterior is neatly painted white and the two roofs are neatly shingled in red. Along the south wall of the vestibule is a rack with two medium-sized bells, rung by lanyards from within. Excepting for modest R. O. crosses near the east and west ends of the higher roof ridge line, this could be mistaken for a village schoolhouse. (Kreta, Notes; Kreta/Merculief, Photos).

QUAD: Nushagak Bay

1. St. Nicholas Chapel (AHRS SITE NO. XNB-011)

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

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This is a cannery community constructed on twelve acres of land, near the Nushagak River. There is no school and only a few families remain here year round. The church was built in 1918 or 1919, replacing an older church of undetermined vintage, and has been enlarged. Typical of these small churches, but for the modest church symbols, the building would be mistaken for a rural schoolhouse. (Kreta, Notes; Kreta/Merculief, Photos).

When constructed, this building was a rectangle, approximately 21' in length by 16' in width, covered by a low-angle hip roof. This is the present nave segment of the structure. The two sets of double-hung windows on the north and south walls were original equipment. At some unspecified date 13 feet were added to the length of the west end and the chamber enlarged. Another 12-light doublehung window sash was added to the south wall extended, but the parallel space on the north wall was at that time utilized either for an entrance or a small window, probably the former. The hip roof was extended to a gable at the west end. The chamber then was 34' in length and 16' in width. Subsequently an enclosed entranceway vestibule was added to the west wall, with a pyramidal roofed cupola atop the roof, and the high cross rising from its peak. Another cross rises from the east end of the main roof ridge, and over the double-leaf entranceway there is an attempt at symbolism in the form of sunburst or rainbow that appears to have more Native than R. O. tradition at its root. (Ibid.)

QUAD: Nushagak Bay

- 1. Transfiguration of Our Lord Chapel (AHRS SITE NO. XNB-012)
- 2. LOCATION
 - a. NA
 - b. Nushagak
 - c. Clark's Point
 - d. Alaska
 - e. 02
 - f. Bristol Bay Division
 - g. 070
- 3. AHRS DATE: May 18, 1973
- 4. CONDITION: Fair

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QUAD: NUSHAGAK BAY (D-2)

St. Nicholas Church, Ekuk (AHRS SITE NO. XNB-011)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Building is sited on U.S. Survey map sheet 862, enclosed. Also sited on BLM Photographic Atlas, "Ekuk 1963".

QUAD: NUSHAGAK BAY (D-2)

Transfiguration of Our Lord Chapel, Nushagak (AHRS SITE NO. XNB-012)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Building is sited at center of base of panhandle of Russian Greek Mission Reserve, survey diagram enclosed, sited north of Bergman's Lot and east of Mitlendorf's Lot, on U.S. Survey map sheet 866, enclosed. Also sited on BLM Photographic Atlas, "Nushagak 1963".

QUAD: PORT MOLLER (B-2)

St. Nicholas Chapel, Sand Point (AHRS SITE NO. XPM-007)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Building is sited in remote Alaskan Native village on prominent lot adjacent to waterfront at south border of town burial ground at head of navigation on Humboldt Harbor.

QUAD: Pribilof Islands

St. George the Great Martyr Orthodox Church, St. George Island (AHRS SITE NO. XPI-004)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Building is sited on town lot in community of St. George, center of front stoop 400 feet due east of high water mark and 1,888 feet west 42° north of community main fuel supply tank. Sited on BLM Photographic Atlas, "St. George 1967".

QUAD: PRIBILOF ISLANDS

Saints Peter and Paul Church, St. Paul Island (AHRS SITE NO. XPI-003)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: By virtue of steeple and high cross, building is highest elevation on tombolo formation in area between village cove and Lukanin Bay, as sited on U.S. Survey map sheet 4800, enclosed. Also sited on BLM <u>Photographic Atlas</u>, "St. Paul 1967".

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