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The larger than usual nave segment is also taller than usual, rising up high enough for a second story, but having windows only at the ground level. It is capped by a low-angle pyramidal roof, from the peak of which rises a small cupola, crowned by an onion-shaped dome, from which spires a R.O. cross. The altar (east) extension and the vestibule are both foreshortened appendages covered by medium-angle gable roofs whose peaks touch the lower edge of the roof eaves of the main section. At the west end, abutting the vestibule, is a fully enclosed porch enclosed within the first level of a bell tower, from whose pyramidal roofed peak rises an onion-shaped dome and then spires the high cross of the church. The entire appearance is one of mass. The simple detailing, however, coupled with small, economically severe, windows, suggests an almost Shaker design influence. Again, this design modification may have resulted from interaction with new ideas of other religious groups active in Alaska. (Ibid.; Kreta/Merculief, Photos).

QUAD: Seldovia

1. Saints Sergius and Herman of Valaam Church (AHRS SITE NO. SEL-018)
2. LOCATION
 - a. NA
 - b. English Bay
 - c. NA
 - d. Alaska
 - e. 02
 - f. Kenai-Cook Inlet Division
 - g. 120
3. AHRS DATE: May 18, 1973
4. CONDITION: Good
5. ALTERED
6. ORIGINAL SITE

The present location of English Bay was the first Russian outpost on Cook Inlet, then known as Fort Alexander, or Alexandrovsky Redoubt. It was established between 1784 and 1786. K. T. Khlevnikov described the settlement as it was in

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1826. Almost a century after the settlement was first established, about 1870, the first R.O. church building was constructed. The present church building dates back at least fifty years. (Fedorova, 1973, 226; Schnurer, 1974, 16, 25, 28, 29; Wallace, 1974, 110; Kreta, Notes).

The present building is a study in economical use of existing materials. It is little more than two rectangular small buildings joined to form one elongated cabin. The overall length is 38'3", with the longer (western) section about two-thirds of the length, and entry through a wide single-leaf door of vertical battened boards, directly into the nave. The shingled roof is a medium-angle gable, surmounted east of the mid-point by a modest octagonal cylinder-shaped cupola, which, in turn, is surmounted by a low-angle pyramidal roof from which spires the single high cross. (Father P. Mercurief, Floor Plan, May 28, 1976; Kreta/Mercurief, Photos).

Tradition says that the altar section was once part of a local store, and that the longer end, the nave, was once part of a local dance hall. There is no architectural distinction to the building, but it is an unusual example of adaptive use, and retains the integrity of its use over the past half century as the community R.O. church. (Kreta, Notes).

QUAD: Seldovia

1. St. Nicholas Chapel (AHRS SITE NO. SEL-023)
2. LOCATION
 - a. NA
 - b. Seldovia
 - c. NA
 - d. Alaska
 - e. 02
 - f. Kenai-Cook Inlet Division
 - g. 120
3. AHRS DATE: May 18, 1973
4. CONDITION: Good

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QUAD: RUSSIAN MISSION (C-1)

St. Sergius Chapel, Little Russian Mission (also known as Chuathbaluk) (AHR SITE NO. RUS-015)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Tallest elevation in remote Alaskan Native village, sited at northeast end of only and main community road, 750 feet on the road line from high tide mark, as sited on U.S. Survey map sheet 872, enclosed. Also sited on BLM Photographic Atlas, "Russian Mission (Little) 1963".

QUAD: RUSSIAN MISSION (C-4)

St. Seraphim Chapel (Old Church), Lower Kalskag (AHR SITE NO. RUS-017)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Building is on Lot 7, Block 3, U.S. Survey map sheet 4414, Lower Kalskag Townsite, per letter from George E. M. Gusafson, Bureau of Land Management Alaskan Townsite Trustee, to Very Reverend Joseph Kreta, March 21, 1974.

QUAD: Samalga Island

St. Nicholas Church, Nikolski (AHR SITE NO. SAM-022)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Building is sited on U. S. Survey map sheet 808, enclosed. Also sited on BLM Photographic Atlas, "Nikolski 1967".

QUAD: SELDOVIA (B-6)

Saints Sergius and Herman of Valaam Church, English Bay (AHR SITE NO. SEL-018)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Building is sited on U.S. Survey map sheet 368, enclosed. Also sited on BLM Photographic Atlas, "English Bay (Alexandroeska) 1962".

QUAD: SELDOVIA (B-5)

St. Nicholas Chapel, Seldovia (AHR SITE NO. SEL-023)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Building is sited on U. S. Survey map sheet 371, enclosed. Also sited on BLM Photographic Atlas, "Seldovia 1963"; and, on State of Alaska, "City of Seldovia Alaska," aerial photo map (1971, 1972)

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LOCATION: English Bay

NAME OF PROPERTY AND AHRS NUMBER: Saints Sergius and Herman of Valaam Church
(AHRS SITE NO. SEL-018)

QUADRANGLE SCALE: 1: 63, 360

UTM REFERENCE:

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EASTING: 5 6 1 3 9 1

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QUADRANGLE NAME: Seldovia (B-5)

LOCATION: Seldovia

NAME OF PROPERTY AND AHRS NUMBER: St. Nicholas Chapel (AHRS SITE NO. SEL-023)

QUADRANGLE SCALE: 1: 63, 360

UTM REFERENCE:

ZONE: 0 5

EASTING: 5 7 3 1 2 4

NORTHING: 6 5 8 8 4 6 6

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