

Holy Ascension Russian Orthodox
Church & Bishop's House
Unalaska
Alaska ← Aleutian Islands

HABS No. AK-37

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

ADDENDUM
FOLLOWS

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Alaska		COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Unalaska
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Holy Ascension Russian Orthodox Church & Bishop's House (NHL)			HABS NO. AK-37
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) UTMs: 03.399000.5970800 In the village of Unalaska on Unalaska Island			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) These are the most outstanding reflections of a Russian heritage that has permeated the Aleutian Chain from 1750. The cruciform style Church is the oldest of its kind in Alaska. The site was a source of missionary outreach and is associated with Bishop Veniaminov, later canonized Saint Innocent. The chapel is an example of Aleut artistry.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) wood			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The site is on a neck of land which is bounded on the north by Iliuliuk Bay and on the south by the Iliukiuk River. Iliuliuk Harbor is to the east. A fence separates the Russian Greek Mission Reserves from nearby dwellings.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The Church is a functioning Russian Orthodox Church; the Bishop's House is vacant.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Comprises Holy Ascension Orthodox Church National Historic Landmark.			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) NHL; Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (#UNL005); See Bibliography on separate sheet.			
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Sandra M. Faulkner, Historian, National Park Service			DATE July 29, 1986

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CONTINUATION SHEET
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