



**Holy Assumption Orthodox Church National Historic Landmark
Kenai, Alaska**

The Holy Assumption Orthodox Church site consists of the church, rectory (priest residence), chapel, and a cemetery. The church is a fine example of a Russian village church; it is a classic of the Pskov (vessel or ship) design. The rectory is typical of the homes of the Russian village gentry and at the time of its construction was clearly a substantial landmark, being the only two-story structure in the community. The chapel is an excellent example of Russian techniques of log construction, its uncovered log walls an illustration of the excellent craftsmanship and engineering of the Russian-trained builders of the Kenai peninsula. Built in 1895-1896, it is among the oldest standing Orthodox churches in Alaska and retains a high degree of historic integrity to this day.