

Autonomous Community / Department / State	ALASKA
Town	UNALASKA
Building	Russian Orthodox Church of the Holy Ascension of Christ
Adress	
	53.875556 -166.5363
Protection	U.S. National Register of Historic Places - Added to NRHP April 15, 1970 U.S. National Historic Landmark - Designated NHL April 15, 197 Alaska Heritage Resources Survey - Designated AHRS June 6, 1971
Description	The Church of the Holy Ascension, also known as the Holy Ascension Orthodox Church, is a prominent landmark in Unalaska, the major community of the western Aleutian Islands in southwestern Alaska. The current church was built in 1894, probably on the site of an 1826 church, and likely using timbers and other elements (including one iconostasis) from the older church. It is one of the oldest churches in Alaska, and is significant as the site from which missionaries brought their religion to the local Aleut people. This evangelization effort was so successful that today's Aleut population is still strongly Orthodox. The church was declared a National Historic Landmark for its architecture, and for its role in the history and culture of Alaska. It is the second cathedral church of the Orthodox Church in America Diocese of Alaska, after St. Michael's Cathedral in Sitka (which is also a National Historic Landmark)... The church is a wood-frame structure, cruciform in shape, with a belltower at its western end. The tower is 52 feet (16 m) tall, starting as a square structure, which rises to a cornice with shallow center gables on each cornice, and an octagonal cupola topped by a green onion dome, which is capped by an Orthodox cross. The tower is connected to the nave of the church by a gable-roofed narthex. WIKIPEDIA (15-09-2017)
Bells	
Pictures	1
Current bell ringing	
Conservation, maintenance	
Proposals	
Authors of the documentation	
Date	

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