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To the Dean of the Sitka District
Archmandrite Anatolii



Report

The Kalosh [Tlingit] of the village of Hoonah, whom I visited in the middle of past February and whom I promised to petition Your Eminence to have a church built in Hoonah, often come to the town of Juneau and visit me to find out about the results of my petition. Not having received any response from anywhere to my petition, I am unable to give these visitors any positive answer. For this reason, I have decided to appeal once again to Your Eminence with my humble request to have you address a similar request to His Eminence [the Bishop of Alaska]. Your Eminence knows very well how passionately the Hoonah Kolosh [Tlingit] are attached to Orthodoxy. They jealously guard the land, which has been gifted for building a church, and are only waiting the fulfilment of their old and heartily felt desire to have their own church [xпам] and to solemnly enter it in order to leave behind the darkness and ignorance of paganism.

I have the honor to bring all this information to Your attention for Your consideration.

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¹ The date on this report lists day according to the Julian Calendar and then the Gregorian Calendar. The Julian Calendar was used by the Russian Government until its abolition by the Soviet Government in February 1914. Alaska Switched to the Gregorian Calendar for secular affairs in October 1867 while the Russian Orthodox Church continued to use the Julian Calendar. In 1897, the Julian Calendar was 12 days behind the Gregorian Calendar. In 1901, the Julian Calendar became 13 days behind and will remain 13 days behind until 2100.