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“Deanery report”

September 28, 2010

Your Grace Bishop BENJIMAN, Fathers and Delegates;

I humbly submit our 2010 dean's report highlighting activities with our church construction project that began in 2000. We have the interior covered with dry wall and a plywood ceiling installed. The beautiful Iconostas was completed by carpenter Nicholas Anelon, assisted by Edward, Manual and Herman. Due to a winterization project and clinic renovation we are on hold until November.

Currently, we have materials for the flooring, paint and stain to complete the Iconostas and the walls. The next step is to complete the entry, cupolas and bell tower. We are looking forward to your Grace's visit in January, with God's help, for the consecration.

This year's Youth Camp went well even with the summer being unusually rainy. Camp Juvenaly was held August 11th through the 15th. We did a lock in camp in the Teen Center for two evenings and were able to make a day trip with lessons, activities and meals held at camp. The weather permitted us to camp one eventful evening with high winds at three in the morning. The last evening was spent at the teen center, with vespers and liturgy held at the church. The children sang and read for the services, and toured the church. We are planning a youth group with activities to connect our youth of our surrounding villages. We started our church school program, with volunteers in Newhalen and Kokhanok and in process of recruiting volunteers in Nondolton and Igiugig. We have plans to begin an adult study group as well.

The planned projects for the other villages, is primarily to make more visits. Due to our home renovation, I have made pastoral visits only on an on call basis. At Nondolton, St Nicholas Church we are looking at re-building the copulas which were taken down because of rotting and roof leaks, and reorganizing their church committee. Kokhanok, SS, Peter and Paul, has a problem of condensation on the floor and walls because the church was not insulated. The project to reorganize the church committee is in process with the help of Subdeacon Joseph. St Nicholas church in Igiugig, is at the drainage of Lake Iliamna. Due to the cost of airfare from Iliamna, we need to look at working together with the Nushagak deanery to provide more constant pastoral services. I humbly submit this report, asking for your Archpastoral Prayers and Blessings I remain

Your Humble Servant,

Archpriest David Askoak, dean
Iliamna Deanery