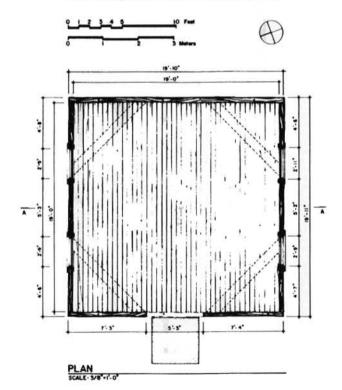
CHAPEL OF St NICHOLAS

Located on the bluff overlooking the confluence of the Kenai River and the Cook Infet, the Chapel of St. Nicholas was built on the site of the first Kenai church and covers the groves of ligumen (or, Abbot) Nikolai, the first missionary in the Kenai area, his assistant and reader Makarii Ivanov and another monk whose name is not recorded.

Consecrated on December 6, 1906, the chapel was never completed and has only been used for memorial services and, weather permitting, a <u>molibeiben</u>, or thanksgiving service, on December 19, St. Nicholas Day.

Built of hand-hewn logs, its weathered grey apperance contrasts dramatically with the yellows, blues and whites of the brightly painted cupola, alongated onion dome and traditional three-bar cross.



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