

Summary

Subject matter: The activity of the Russian Orthodox Church in Alaska in 1794-1917.

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Topicality of the research is conditioned by scientific works devoted to the issues of the activity of the Russian Orthodox Church in Alaska in 1794-1917.

Objective of the research is to explore the process of the proliferation of Orthodoxy in Alaska in 1794-1917.

Tasks:

- to examine the process of the contact of Alaska’s natives with the Orthodox traditions in the course of the discovery and initial period of the exploration of the Aleutian Islands with the Russian producers’ co-operative societies;
- to study the activity of the first religious mission in Alaska in the period from 1794 to 1867 and identify the characteristic peculiarities of the activity of the first missionaries in the proliferation of the Orthodox faith among the ingenuous population of Alaska;
- to analyze the service in Alaska of the prelate Innokenty (Veniaminov); to generalize his contribution to the establishment and development of the traditions of missionary service on its territory, his administering activity directed to the consolidation of the Orthodox congregation in Alaska in the Russian period;
- to systematize the material on all the then existing in Alaska orthodox parishes and missions, to delineate it in the chronological order on each mission and each period, each separately ;
- to study the activity of the Russian Orthodox Church after the sale of Alaska to the USA in 1867 and analyze the policy of the Russian authorities relating to the Russian Eparchy in Alaska;

- to systematize the material on all the then existing and newly set up after 1867 in Alaska orthodox parishes and missions.

Theoretical and practical significance of the research: The materials of the research can be used to prepare the information material on the work of the ROC in Alaska. The main theoretical principles and conclusions of the research can be used as instruction material on “Theology” in higher school and in the development of specialist courses, lectures and seminars in “The Principles of Orthodox culture”.

Results of the research will be of use for the building up and development of both the internal and the external missionary activity of the Russian Orthodox Church in the modern world.

Recommendations: As this paper is chiefly theoretical, its materials can be used to prepare the information data on the work of the Russian Orthodox Church in Alaska in 1794-1917 and also in the academic process at schools and higher education establishments when delivering specialist courses in the history of the Russian Orthodox Church.