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Dear Faithful Supporters of Saint Herman's Seminary,

In 1994, the Alaskan Orthodox Church celebrated its 200th anniversary. During that time, His Holiness, Patriarch Alexei of All Russia came to Kodiak to venerate the relics of Saint Herman and make a pilgrimage to Monk's Lagoon. During this historic occasion His Holiness blessed the foundations of Saint Herman Seminary's All Saints of Alaska Chapel. The log-style Chapel was completed a year later. It was consecrated in 2002 and filled with brand-new icons commissioned for the chapel.

All Saints of Alaska Chapel forms the center of Seminary life functioning as the beating heart that invigorates seminarians and faculty alike. Services are held there every morning and every evening led by Seminary faculty and assisted by students who read, sing, serve, and pray. An Orthodox Bishop has written that the seminarian should know two paths: one to the Chapel and one to the classroom.

Our All Saints of Alaska has experienced the ravages of Kodiak's wet, humid, marine climate. Its logs are deteriorating after twenty-four years of use. For this reason, the seminary is taking up a capital campaign to restore and renew these logs so that the Chapel can stand for many more years as spiritual home for seminarians and their families who will then go out and serve the faithful in Alaska. Your help is crucial in completing this much needed restoration work. We need to raise \$70,000 to cover all costs of renovation. Your financial gift will allow us to replace rotted, deteriorating logs with new ones, restoring our Chapel to its original splendor. During this season of Lent in which almsgiving is an important aspect of our life of repentance, please consider a financial offering to repair our Chapel and continue the missionary work of Saints Herman, Innocent, Juvenaly, Peter and Yakov. In advance, we thank you for your generous support, pleasing unto God!

With love in Christ,

Archpriest Vasily Fisher

Acting Dean of Saint Herman's Seminary

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