at Lord, I Call

STICHERA TO ST. JACOB ~ TONE 2

Born on the remote island of Atka, thou wast called to become a witness to Christ, not by the glorious path of martyrdom, but by humbly accepting the divine call to enter the holy priesthood, preaching, healing, counseling, praying to God // and tending thy flock for forty years in the Alaskan wilderness.

Missionary teacher of the Atkan Aleuts, thou didst translate the Word of God and founded schools for them;

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continuing the missionary efforts of the Holy Hierarch Innocent. Following his example, thou didst journey to remote lands, bringing the Gospel to the Yup’iks and Athabascans, baptizing them to love and unity in Christ, sanctifying them and bestowing the blessings of peace.