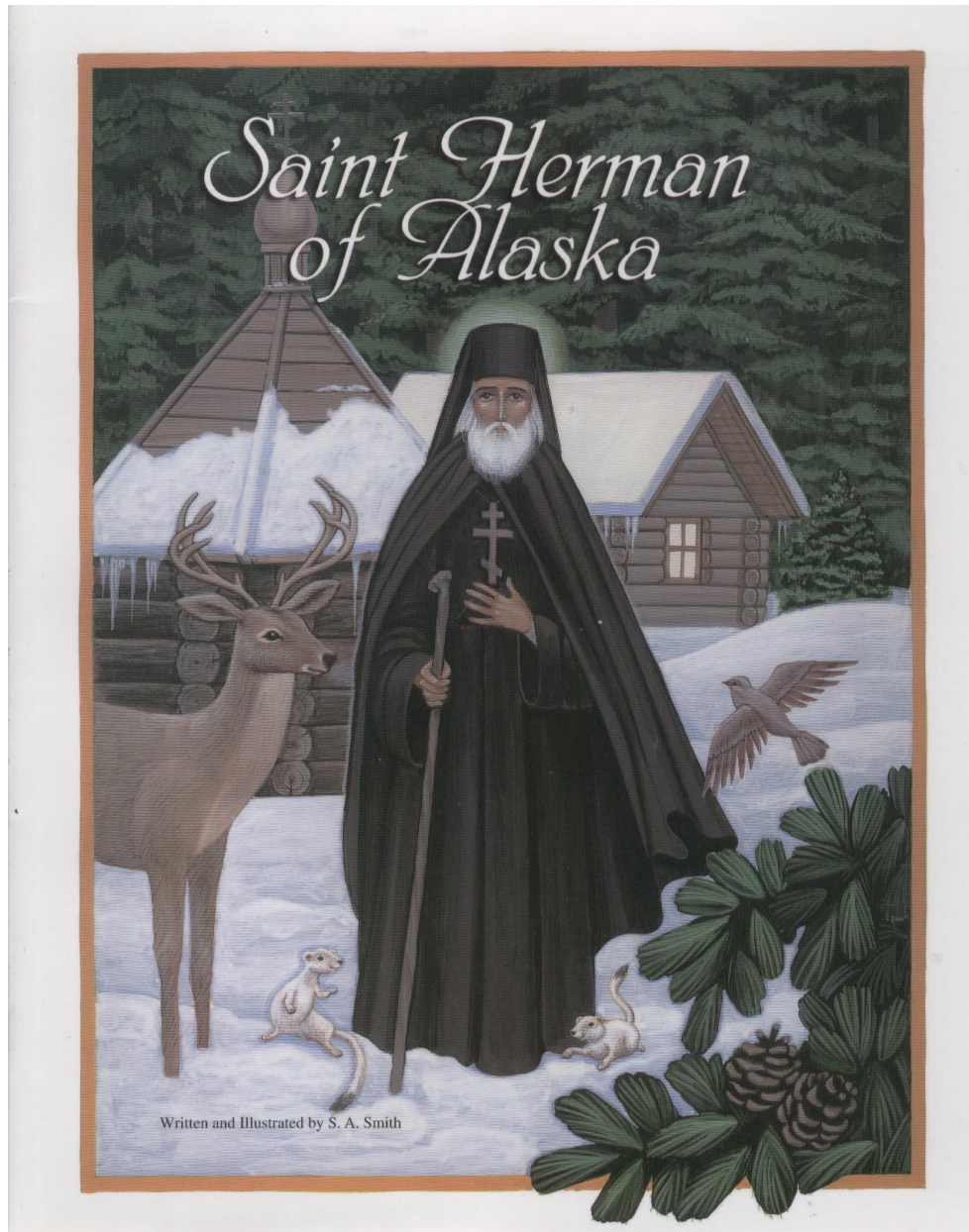


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*St. Herman of Alaska. A beautiful full color children's book about America's favorite saint.*

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There is a story from the Russian Philokalia about two monks. The older of the two monks said that they were going to go down into the local village and evangelize.

The two monks went to the village and walked around. They meet with people, talked to them, asked about their life. After a few hours the older monk told the younger monk that it was time to go back. As they were walking back, the younger monk turned to the older one and said, “Father when are we going teach the people?” The older monk replied, “We just did.”

So often, missions believe that they have to have some grand plan to bring in the people. There is a need for programs, lecture series a whole host of activities. Yet the actual reality is that the most powerful evangelism tool is simply being with people. Getting to know them and their life. Showing concern and love. Mission is ultimately about an encounter. [\(περισσότερα...\)](#)