



# First Sunday

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## **Liturgy Schedule**

10:00 Sunday  
Crosswood Centre  
Chapel of Mary Magdalene  
5535 Co. Rd. 35  
Auburn, IN 46706-9717

10:00 AM Sunday  
Redwood Chapel  
2425 Redwood Avenue  
Fort Wayne, IN 46803  
(Thanks to Rose & Stan)

9:00 AM Sunday  
Angola Crosswood  
3472 North Wayne St.  
Angola, IN 46703

## **INSTALLATION OF ARCHBISHOP, ARCHPRIESTS & MORE**

Saturday, September 12 will be the installation of Fr. Bob Zahrt as Metropolitan Archbishop of the Orthodox Catholic Church of America. Fr. Bob will be the 7th Metropolitan of OCCA since it's declaration of self-governance in 1910. Auburn will be host to many bishops and priests from OCCA who will come to celebrate with us. We are expecting around 50 people for evening prayer on Friday evening and around 70 on Saturday afternoon at 1:00 for the official installation ceremonies. Sunday will conclude with additional celebration with Archbishop Al Lanenau presiding at a Gallican Liturgy, one of the oldest forms that is still in use by OCCA.

In addition to installing Fr. Bob as Archbishop on Saturday, OCCA will install two archpriests (Fr. John among them) and an Arhimandrite on Friday evening during evening prayer. Archpriests and archimandrites are usually appointed as vicars or caretakers over an area of ministry. Fr. John will serve as vicar for the northeast Indiana area, replacing Fr. Bob who was serving in that capacity prior to his election as archbishop. Fr. John will be the third archpriest in northeast Indiana, joining Fr. Jim Spink and Fr. Cliff Polubinsky.

Our community offers congratulations to Fr. Bob - who has also put a lot of effort into the daily grind of cleaning up things at Crosswood Centre. We are happy to host the event and provide the cake, coffe and punch following the installation on Saturday.

## **PROGRESS, SLOWLY BUT SURELY**

For some of you who have not been to Crosswood lately, you will find quite a few changes. Much of the furniture that was in the main living room has been removed primarily due to the fact that they were pretty worn and in addition the cats had over the years marked quite a few of them to the point that we couldn't salvage them without keeping that peculiar odor. So they are gone. Instead of a living room, the room is now a freshly painted dining room with seating for 18 easily and more if needed. The entry way has also been changed. Many of the things that were part of Isabelle and Earl's estates were taken to be auctioned off and used to pay for estate expenses and so on. That room was also painted.

Isabelle and Earl's room, which is now being called the Carstens Room, has been cleaned as well and newly painted. Her furniture was replaced with some lovely wicker furniture that someone donated to us and it goes quite nicely in there, making that room a nice sitting room, living room or easily changed to a meeting room when we have retreats.

It is amazing to me how much work, discussion and planning went into these changes. We hope it makes the place a little more open for meetings.

## YOGA CLASSES STARTING AGAIN

Yoga Class with Rose Schamburg

Starts Wednesday, Sept 9.

Where: McCormick Park acrosss from Redwood Chapel (in nice weather) or inside at Redwood Chapel (if nasty weather)

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Wear: Stretchy comfortable clothing

Bring: Yoga mat or blanket

This is a beginning class even if you have no prior yoga experience you will enjoy this class.

We will also focus on ways to relax and how to be in the present moment.

## CLEANING DAY TUESDAY MORNING

I know this isn't much warning but we need to have some cleaning done at Crosswood to get ready for this weekend. Tuesday was chosen by our main crew of cleaners and so if you are free and can give them a hand, join them up at Crosswood Centre around 9:30 or so. They plan on working and then having lunch. As always, they would appreciate any help you can give them. If you can't join them, at least say a prayerful thanks that they are able to attack the cleaning.

## SEPTEMBER 1 IS PRESERVE CREATION DAY

Patriarch Bartholomew, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, has issued a letter regarding the importance of caring for the environment. It contains a very important message. I believe that the pope also issued a similar letter recently. Patriarch Bartholomew's predecessor made the environment and caring for creation an important focus of his ministry, having called together theologians and scientists to prayerfully consider how we might take better care of the lovely garden in which we were created.

From his letter of August 28, 2009: The present crisis offers an opportunity for us to deal with the problems in a different way, because the methods that created these problems cannot provide their best solution. We need to bring love into all our dealings, the love that inspires courage and compassion. Human progress is not just the accumulation of wealth and the thoughtless consumption of the earth's resources. The way that the present crisis has been dealt with has revealed the values of the few who are shaping the destiny of our society; of those who can find vast sums of money to support the financial system that has betrayed them, but are not willing to allot even the least portion of that money to remedy the piteous state the creation has been reduced to because of these very values, or for feeding the hungry of the world, or for

## WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ANIMALS?

One of the changes that I know will disappoint some people (but may make others happy) are those involving the animals. With Fr. Skip's death, we no longer had anyone who was really invested in the llamas. While the llamas did not require a lot of care, they did need more care than we were able to provide. In addition, from about December of last year on, Fr. Skip had not been feeling well and so the llamas were somewhat neglected. We have them in a new home and they seem to be content and prospering. They need their nails clipped (something I didn't even know they had) and also needed a lot of attention that they had missed for a while with Fr. Skip being ill.

You will also notice that all the cats are out of the house. Angel died of what appeared to be kidney failure shortly after Isabelle died. Muffin and Anastasia have new homes. The barn cats are still around and there are quite a few of them. We are planning on a "round up" soon and hopefully will keep just a couple of them after they have been neutered. Living on a farm, we still need mice patrols and these cats do a great job of it. At this point we have no plans for other animals at Crosswood. The back yard is opened up now that is is no longer a pasture area for the llamas and several people have been out to enjoy the field and even fish in the pond. It's a great place to get away from the noise of the city. Come, play and pray!

securing safe drinking water for the thirsty, who are also victims of those values. On the face of every hungry child is written a question for us, and we must not turn away to avoid the answer. Why has this happened? Is it a problem of human inability or of human will?

We have rendered the Market the centre of our interest, our activities and, finally, of our life, forgetting that this choice of ours will affect the lives of future generations, limiting the number of their choices that would probably be more oriented towards the well-being of man as well as the creation. Our human economy, which has made us consumers, is failing. The divine economy, which has made us in the image of the loving Creator, calls us to love and care for all creation. The image we have of ourselves is reflected in the way we treat the creation. If we believe that we are no more than consumers, then we shall seek fulfillment in consuming the whole earth; but if we believe we are made in the image of God, we shall act with care and compassion, striving to become what we are created to be.

Let us pray for God's blessing on the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in December, so that the industrially developed countries may cooperate with developing countries in reducing harmful

## Clergy Schedule September

Date	Angola	Auburn	Redwood	Open Door
Sept 6	Joan	+Vince	John	Maria
Sept 13	+Vince	+Al	Go to Auburn	Maria
Sept 20	Jim	+Vince	+Bob /JL	Maria
Sept 27	Tom	John	Vince	Maria
Oct [4	John	+Bob	Cliff	Maria

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## READINGS FOR SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Proper 18 (23) September 6, 2009	<u>Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23</u> or <u>Isaiah 35:4-7a</u>	<u>Psalm 125</u> or <u>Psalm 146</u>	<u>James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17</u>	<u>Mark 7:24-37</u>
Proper 19 (24) September 13, 2009	<u>Proverbs 1:20-33</u> or <u>Isaiah 50:4-9a</u>	<u>Psalm 19</u> or <u>Psalm 116:1-9</u> or <u>Wisdom 7:26 - 8:1</u>	<u>James 3:1-12</u>	<u>Mark 8:27-38</u>
Proper 20 (25) September 20, 2009	<u>Proverbs 31:10-31</u> or <u>Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22</u> or <u>Jeremiah 11:18-20</u>	<u>Psalm 1</u> or <u>Psalm 54</u>	<u>James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a</u>	<u>Mark 9:30-37</u>
Proper 21 (26) September 27, 2009	<u>Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22</u> or <u>Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29</u>	<u>Psalm 124</u> or <u>Psalm 19:7-14</u>	<u>James 5:13-20</u>	<u>Mark 9:38-50</u>
Proper 22 (27) October 4, 2009	<u>Job 1:1, 2:1-10</u> or <u>Genesis 2:18-24</u>	<u>Psalm 26</u> or <u>Psalm 8</u>	<u>Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12</u>	<u>Mark 10:2-16</u>

## SEPTEMBER 1 IS PRESERVE CREATION DAY - Continued

polluting emissions, that there may exist the will to raise and manage wisely the funds required for the necessary measures, and that all may work together to ensure that our children enjoy the goods of the earth that we leave behind for them. There must be justice and love in all aspects of economic activity; profit – and especially short-term profit – cannot and should not be the sole motive of our actions.

Let us all renew our commitment to work together and bring about the changes we pray for, to reject everything that is harming the creation, to alter the way we think and thus drastically to alter the way we live.

## Remember in your prayers

We ask your prayers especially for Ramona, Fr. Jim and Emma Spink, Russell Riebe, Vicki Groves, Julie, Bro Richard and all those who are ill or in need of prayer. Pray for the leadership team as they try to continue the ministry at Crosswood Centre. Pray for the Fr. +Bob as he begins his ministry as Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Orthodox-Catholic Church of America. May the Spirit give him wisdom and courage that he may serve with love and compassion. Remember those among us who are sick and in need of prayer. Remember also those who are unemployed or underemployed, for those who are alone and lonely, and for those who have no one to pray for them.