



reclamation of the Birth of Christ

The Twenty-fifth Day of December

From the creation of the world, when in the beginning God created the universe, 13.7 billion years,

From the formation of the first galaxies, 10 billion years,

From the formation of our galaxy, sun and solar system, five billion years,

From the formation of planet Earth, 4.6 billion years,

From the origin of life on Earth, the first living cells, 3.5 billion years,

From the time when the continents of earth stabilized, 2.5 billion years,

From the time of the first ice age, 2.3 billion years,

From the birth of sea life and fish in the ocean, 550 million years,

From the first plants and vegetation on land, 400 million years,

From the age of the dinosaurs, 230 million years,

From the age of the first apes and monkeys, 35 million years,

From the age of *Homo habilis*, 2.6 million years,

From the time of *Homo erectus* and the use of tools, 1 million years,

From the time of the first female from whom all human DNA can be traced, 160,000 years,

From the time of *Homo sapiens* and the use of language, 80,000 years,

From the time of the last ice age, 12,000 years,

From the time of the first cities, 10,000 years,

From the invention of phonetic writing, 3,500 years,

From the time of the flourishing of civilization in Egypt, 3,000 years,

From the time of Abraham and the Patriarchs, 1,925 years,

From Moses and the coming of the Israelites out of Egypt, 1,280 years,

From the anointing of King David, 1,011 years,
From the time of the prophets Amos, Hosea and Isaiah, 750 years,
In the 194th Olympiad,
In the year 752 since the founding of the city of Rome,
From the time of the poet Homer, 700 years,
From the time of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle, 450 years,
In the 42nd year of the empire of Octavian Augustus, when the Roman world was at peace,
Jesus Christ, Eternal God and Son of the eternal Father
Desirous to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming,
Having been conceived of the Holy Spirit,
And nine months having elapsed since his conception,
Is born in Bethlehem of Judah,
Having become human of the Virgin Mary.

*The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
According to the Flesh.*

