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Solemn Proclamation
from the Roman Martyrology
Set to Traditional Tones
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TONE I

VIGIL OF THE
NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
Solemn Proclamation
from the Roman Martyrology (1956)

Set to the tone of the Martyrology, Mode 5
Translation of Canon J. B. O’Connell

The Cantor chants at a convenient pitch.

In the five thousand one hundred and ninety ninth year of the creation of the world, from the time

when God in the beginning created the heaven and earth; the two thousand nine hundred

fifty seventh year after the flood; the two thousand fifteenth year from the birth of A- bra- ham.

the one thousand five hundred tenth year from Moses, and the going forth of the people of

Israel from E- gypt; the one thousand thirty second year from the anointing of David King;

in the sixty fifth week according to the prophecy of Dan- iel; in the one hundred ninety fourth

O- lym- pi- ad; the seven hundred fifty second year from the foundation of the city of Rome;

the forty second year of the reign of Octavian Au- gus- tus, all the earth be- ing at peace, Jesus
Christ, the eternal God, and the Son of the Eternal Father, desirous to sanctify the world
by his most merciful coming, being conceived by the Holy Spirit, nine months after his
conception was born in Bethlehem of Judah, made Man of the Virgin Mary.

Here the voice is raised and all kneel:

Slowly and solemnly:

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the Flesh.
TONE II

VIGIL OF THE
NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
Solemn Proclamation
from the Roman Martyrology (1956)

Set to the tone of the Prophecy of Isaiah, Mode 5
Translation of Canon J. B. O’Connell

The Cantor chants at a convenient pitch.

In the five thousand one hundred and ninety ninth year of the creation of the world, from the time
when God in the beginning created the heaven and earth; the two thousand nine hundred
fifty seventh year after the flood; the two thousand fifteenth year from the birth of Abraham;
the one thousand five hundred tenth year from Moses, and the going forth of the people of
Israel from Egypt; the one thousand thirty second year from the anointing of David King;
in the sixty fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel; in the one hundred ninety fourth
Olympiad; the seven hundred fifty second year from the foundation of the city of Rome;
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