“...an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.’ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken to the prophet, ‘Out of Egypt I called my son.’”

+ Matthew 2:13-15 (ESV)

Out of Egypt I Called My Son: Cradle of the Christian Tradition
“The Book of the Dead”
1550 – 50 B.C.

Alexander the Great:
Founding of Alexandria in 332 B.C.
Library at Alexandria

Septuagint Tradition:
“Letter of Aristeas”
3rd century B.C.
Philo of Alexandria
20 B.C. – 50 A.D.

Origen of Alexandria
185 A.D. – 254 A.D.
Anthony the Great
256 A.D. – 356 A.D.
“Desert Fathers”

Athanasius of Alexandria
296 A.D. – 376 A.D.
Christ is Fully God and Fully Human
Evagrius of Pontus (345-399)  
“Seven Deadly Sins”

Evagrius:
• Gluttony
• Lust
• Avarice/Greed
• Anger
• Sadness
• Sloth
• Vainglory
• Pride

Pope Gregory (590):
• Gluttony
• Lust
• Avarice/Greed
• Anger
• Sloth
• Envy
• Pride

From Ambrose to Augustine...

Ambrose (340-397)  
Augustine (354-430)
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