

*From the Octoechos*  
**Beholding Christ Hanging on the Tree**  
Stavro-Theotokion (of the Cross)

Byzantine Chant Tone 1  
Special melody: *O all-lauded Martyrs*

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The musical score is written on six staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a time signature of common time (C). A 'D' is written above the first measure. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases connected by slurs. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The text is as follows:

Be - hold - ing Christ hang - ing on the Tree, the pure Vir - gin cried a -  
-loud: A sword is passed through my heart, and it doth rend it, O my Son,  
as it was fore - told me long a - go by Sim - e - on.  
But rise a - gain, O Mas - ter, and glo - ri - fy to -  
-geth - er with Thy - self Thine own Moth - er and Thy hand - maid - en, O Im -  
-mor - tal, I be - seech Thee earn - est - ly.