From the Menaion

O Strange Wonder Never Seen Before
Stavro-Theotokion (of the Cross)

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: O strange wonder

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O strange wonder never seen before! O under-taking most dread! What a terrible mystery! spake the Virgin as she saw hanging on the Cross 'midst the thieves Thee, Whom she awe-somely bare without travail;

and as she wept and lamented, she cried out:

Woe is me! How is it that this grievous and un-thankful multitude now hath nailed Thee on the Cross, my most beloved Child?

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