

From the Menaion
When The Sun Beheld Thee Willingly
Theotokion of the Cross (Stavro-Theotokion)

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: *O strange wonder*

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from various sources

The musical score is written in a single system with eight staves. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and slurs. Chord symbols (D, C, G↓) are placed above the staff lines. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The text is as follows:

When the sun be - held Thee will - ing - ly hang - ing stretched
out on the Cross, then, O Je - sus, it
shook with dread; then thē earth did quake for fear,
and the rocks brake and burst a - part. The graves were
o - pened in great ex - ceed - ing fear,
and all the pow - ers on high were sore a - mazed.
And as she saw these things, our pure Vir - gin La - dy
groaned and cried a - loud: Woe is me! A - las! What
is this that I now be - hold?