I Alone Am Caught in Sin - What a Sword Pierced
Theotokion (1) & Stavro-Theotokion (2)

Byzantine Tone 6/Plagal Second Mode
Special Melody: Having laid up all their hope

1) I alone am caught in sin above all children of
2) What a sword pierced through my heart, even as Simeon

Ad a dam; I alone, the miserable, told thee! when thou sawest Him Who shone

have committed wicked deeds all unsplicable, forth from thee ineffably, raised up on the Cross

wholly unbearable to be heard or utter; by the iniquitous like any condemned man,

but I pray thee, pure one, pardon me, given gall to drink with vinegar;

Lady, forgive me all, granting me repentance before the end, His holy side was pierced, and His hands and feet were transfixed with nails;

and grant confession unto me, as thou beheldest all these things,
grant me heartfelt groaning and streams of tears,
O all-holy Lady, in bitter grief

that ever afflict ing my heart, I thus might
and a mother's sorrow didst thou cry out with

cry out: I have sinned, O I have sinned; be compassion ate,
wa il ing and lament: O my beloved and sweet est Child,

save me in thy sym pa thy.
what is this strange mystery.

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