

From the Menaion
With The Firm Rod of Thy Holy Protection
Theotokion

Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special Melody: *Thou art the joy*

The musical score is written on six staves of a single melodic line in G minor (one flat). The key signature is G minor, and the time signature is not explicitly shown but appears to be 4/4. The melody is marked with a 'D' above the first staff, indicating the starting note. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

With the firm rod of thy ho - ly pro - tec - tion,
drive far off the sav - age beasts of pas - sions from my
wretch - ed soul al - ways; peace - a - bly di - rect me from
hence un - to life, O pure Birth - giv - er of our God;
and with the most ho - ly flock of thy cho - sen sheep
do thou num - ber me, O Vir - gin Maid.