May 28th, 1453

Dear Journal,

The city has shrunk day by day. Few of us are able to defend what is left. It feels as though we cannot stop the invasion. The soldiers are losing their morale, and many have even escaped outside of the city’s walls. The Hagia Sophia has been captured, and there is little hope that we will reclaim the city. From the top of our watchtower, I watch now as a sea of soldiers flood into the city from their fortress.

May the good Lord protect us!

Byzantine soldier