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In the year 1453, on June 29, a Friday, there came from Constantinople three Cretan caravels—those of Sgouros, Hyalina, and Philomatos. They said that on the 29th of May, the third day of Saint Theodosia, at the third hour of the morning [9 am], the Hagarenes, that is the troops of Mehmet Celebi, entered the city of Constantinople. They also said that they killed the emperor, the Lord Constantine Dragas and Palaiologos. Then there was great sorrow and much weeping on Crete because of the sad news that had arrived. Indeed nothing worse than this has ever happened or ever will happen. May the Lord God be merciful to us and free us from His fearful threats.

29 Candia 1453