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**Change in Lecture Topic for April 30; New Topic:
“Byzantium, its Legacy in the Balkans”**

We are sorry to announce that our lecturer of Sunday, April 30th, Professor Vicky Kalogera, has been at the hospital and will not be able to be with us to deliver her lecture.

Alexander Billinis has volunteered to talk to us at this very short notice on: “Byzantium, its Legacy in the Balkans.”

The event will take place at 3:00 pm at the Elmhurst Hospital, Birch Willow Room*, 155 East Brush Hill Road, Elmhurst Illinois (Northwest corner of Roosevelt Road and York Road). Admission will be free.

(Please enter through the Main Hospital entrance at the South side of the hospital which faces Roosevelt Road. take the elevator to the basement, and make a right turn and follow the hallway for about 50 meters to get to the Birch Willow Room.*

Alexander Billinis, author of *"The Eagle has Two Faces: Journeys through Byzantine Europe"* explores the legacy of Byzantium in the wider Balkan area. He draws from Byzantine and Ottoman era history, as well as his own life and work experience, to present the Balkans as a common Byzantine cultural area, though this common culture has not precluded great hostility among Balkan people in spite of both common cultures, common interests, and common dangers

Alexander Billinis graduated from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in 1991, where he majored in Western and Eastern European Studies. He earned a master’s degree from the American Graduate School of International Management in 1994 and a law degree from American University Washington College of Law in 1997. His career has spanned banking, real estate, law and journalism. He has lived in Greece, Serbia, Bulgaria, Hungary, and the UK. He is the author of *"The Eagle has Two Faces: Journeys through Byzantine Europe"* and *"Hidden Mosaics: An Aegean Tale."* He has written extensively on the Greek Diaspora in Eastern Europe, including the Civil War era refugees. A dual citizen of the US and Greece, he was born in Salt Lake City, Utah in 1969.

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