

Pope visits Turkey amid religious tensions



1 Nov 28, Ankara: Visits mausoleum of **Kemal Atatürk** – founder of modern Turkish state – and pays courtesy visit to Turkish President **Necdet Sezer**

Meets **Ali Bardakoglu**, president for religious affairs and country's highest Muslim authority, who said pope's recent remarks on **Prophet Mohammed** threatened world peace

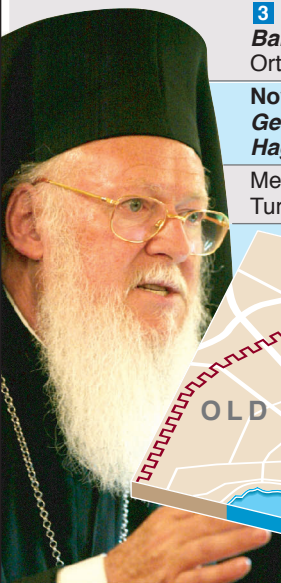
2 Nov 29, Ephesus: Delivers homily in city where **Apostle Paul** was held captive, and also thought to be home to **Virgin Mary** and **John the Evangelist**



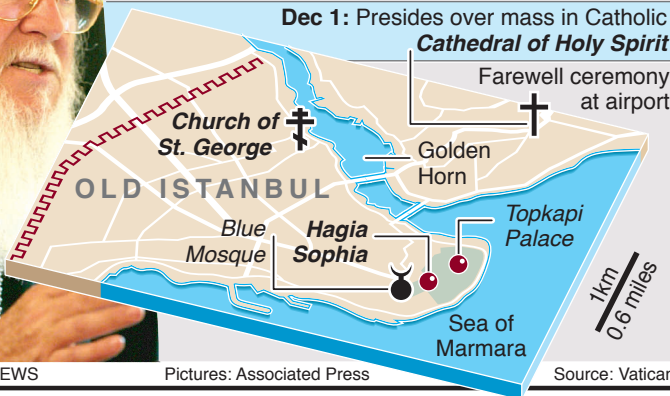
3 Istanbul: Meets with **Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I** – spiritual leader of world's 240 million Orthodox Christians, based in former **Constantinople**

Nov 30: Divine Liturgy in patriarchal **Church of Saint George**. Signing of joint declaration. Visits museum of **Hagia Sophia** – formerly a church, later a mosque

Meets Armenian and Syrian Christian leaders and Turkey's chief rabbi before dinner with Catholic bishops



Dec 1: Presides over mass in Catholic **Cathedral of Holy Spirit**



Farewell ceremony at airport

Golden Horn

Topkapi Palace

Sea of Marmara