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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017**

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(Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Ground breaking, November 6, 1997)