

Hippus (Sussita) Excavations 2005 – 6th Season Daily Log + Drawing

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| Squares | B/C0 | B4 | E4 | | |
| Loci | L558 | L557 | L563 | | |
| Baskets | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | | |
| Walls | W512, W521, W539, W540, W544, W552, and W560 | | | | |
| Floors | F562 | | | | |

- Continued work in Square B/C0
 - Starting elevation = 132.16 in the B portion; 131.72 in the C portion
 - Ending elevation = 131.50
 - Soil is Horizon A
 - In the North Middle Chamber (bounded by W521, W539, W540, and W560) the team brought the portion that is in B0 to the same level as the portion in C0. We will continue to excavate both portions together even though they straddle the line between the two squares. There seems to be a blocked doorway in W540 starting 86cm from W539. The blockage could be 1.34m wide. There is no discernable door jamb.
 - There is also a blocked doorway to the east in W560. It is 1.15m wide and begins 80cm south of W540. Again, there is no discernable door jamb.
 - The North Middle chamber and the North Lateral chamber remained open from the west after other doorways in the church were blocked.
- Continued work in Square B4
 - Starting elevation = 131.46
 - Ending elevation = 131.50
 - Soil is Horizon B
 - Revealed an alcove in W544 (bottom at 131.74). The alcove is 43cm wide, 51cm tall, and 45cm deep. It has a limestone back (single piece). It was plastered on the bottom leaving an opening 36cm tall. Most of the plastering is gone.
 - Measuring along W554 from east (W512) to west:

- To the first arch base -- 1.75
 - Other side of first arch base -- 2.26
 - Start alcove – 2.44
 - End alcove – 2.90
 - To second arch base – 4.16 (4.08 to pilaster base edge)
 - Other side of second arch base – 4.66 (4.76 to pilaster base edge)
- Both bases for the barrel vaults are about 0.50m wide.
- Continued work in Square E4
 - Starting elevation = 131.75
 - Ending elevation = 131.07
 - Soil is Horizon B
 - Opened up the western half of square E4 (west of W552)
 - At elevation 131.30, four pavers (57 to 62cm wide) are laid out going west. They are identified as F562. They are basalt in construction and are similar to the pavers in the forum. They sit at the approximate level of the base of the floating wall (W513). The second paver to the west has mason marks (alpha and eta). Sitting on edge on the south end of the western most paver is a limestone block oriented east/west.

Observations

Daily Drawing

