

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

Date: _____ 18 July _____ Area: _____ NEC _____ Manager: Schuler

| Squares | B0 | B/C0 | B4 | E4 | E3 |
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| Loci | L565 | L564 | L566 | L567 | L563 |
| Baskets | 1999 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 2000 |
| Walls | W510, W513, W520, W560, W562 (formerly F562), W569 | | | | |
| Floors | F570, F568, F571, F573 | | | | |

- Continued work in Square B0
 - Starting elevation = 131.84
 - Ending elevation = 131.68
 - Soil is Horizon A
 - Removed more destruction fill and fall from W520.
 - Did some surface work in A0 in an attempt to identify the exterior of the eastern wall of the church. Portions are still uncertain
- Continued work in Square B/C0
 - Starting elevation = 130.96
 - Ending elevation = 130.72
 - Soil is Horizon B
 - Continued to remove destruction fill
 - Bench(?) against wall (W560) is emerging.
- Continued work in Square B4
 - Starting elevation = 131.20-130.89 (floor)
 - Ending elevation = 131.09-130.88 (floor)
 - Soil is Horizon C
 - Continues to clear the floor (F570) to the south
 - The bench on the west wall goes all the way to the SW corner of the room (3.0x0.65m)
 - There is a bench on the north wall (W510) between the bases for the arches. It protrudes into the room about 8cm
 - The upside down column base in the NW corner is 69cm in diameter.

- There are a number of lacunae in the floor where the plaster has broken down.
- Completed work in Square E4
 - Starting elevation = 130.69
 - Ending elevation = 130.48
 - Soil is Horizon B
 - F562 turns out to be a wall (and so is renumbered).
 - To the south of W562 are three floors.
 - The first (F568) is plaster and mud and was at a level (130.82) that may have made it difficult to use the door. The top of the threshold is 130.90. It is similar to the mud/plaster floor north of W562 and in the north lateral chamber.
 - The second floor (F571) is made of stones at level 130.69 and seems to match up better with the door threshold
 - A third floor (F573, black basalt pavers) may be in evidence next to W562 at 130.48
 - There is a round sealed fixture under the second floor (130.61) that may be a access point to the cistern. Suggesting that the cistern went out of use at the time of F571.
 - The wall on the south end of the square (W569) is contemporaneous with or later than F571 as it sits on a stone on the end of the cistern (130.59). The stone is in parallel with F571.
- Started work in Square E3 west of W513
 - Starting elevation = 131.74
 - Ending elevation = 131.27
 - Soil is Horizon A
 - Destruction fill including a drum and a pseudo ionic Byzantine capital.

Observations

Daily Drawing

