

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

Date: \_\_\_ 20 July \_\_\_ Area: \_\_\_ NEC \_\_\_ Manager: \_\_\_ Schuler \_\_\_

Squares	B0	B/C0		B4	E3	
Loci	L578	L564	L577	L566	L563	L567
Baskets	2006	2010	2009	2007	2008	2011
Walls	W560, W575, W513					
Floors	F576					

- Continued work in Square B0
  - Starting elevation = 131.68
  - Ending elevation = 131.16
  - Soil is Horizon B
  - Focused work along W560. Are digging deeper before moving east in order to have a better chance of recovering the inside line of W575.
  - A change in soil color identified the start of a new locus (L578) with soil horizon B
  
- Continued work in Square B/C0
  - Starting elevation = 130.60
  - Ending elevation = 130.48 (stone floor F576)
  - Soil is Horizon B
  - Lifted a piece of marble flooring (F576) framed by basalt pieces. It is part of a Roman architrave and frieze. Excavated below it (L577), but it was not covering anything.
  - The floor of the room is stone. No discernable mud above it.
  - There is a fixture (probably a bench) in the SE corner (0.67x1.50xo.46 high) along W560 incorporating a small Corinthian capital. (At least the user of the room displayed taste in his/her selection of fragments.)
  - In the southwest corner of the room is a section of aqueduct pipe. Inside diameter is 30cm. The opening faces up and is blocked with dirt, stones, and ceramic fragments. It is 38cm thick and sits on mud and stones with its base 23cm above the floor. Likely it was put there when the room had accumulated

a large layer of debris and suggests domestic use of the space long after the church went out of use.

- The blocked north opening is 1.34m (with no discernable door jamb). The east opening is 1.10cm with no discernable door jamb. Originally the rooms east and north of the Middle North chamber were freely accessible from the chamber (cp. Diakonicon in the NWC).
- Continued work in Square B4
  - Starting elevation = 131.19-130.88
  - Ending elevation = 131.19-130.88
  - Soil is Horizon C
  - Tumble next to the northeast vault base sits on 25 cm of earth. The vault did not fully collapse until centuries after the room was abandoned.
  - All benches show a plaster connection to the floor.
  - The cistern head sits above floor level on stones. Joints are plastered in a sloping manner.
- Continued work in Square E3
  - Starting elevation = 131.12
  - Ending elevation = 130.69
  - Soil is Horizon B
  - Removed pseudo-ionic Byzantine capital from fill.
  - Removed drum from fill (50cm diameter, 40cm high)
  - Removed floating wall (W513) from square and cleared rubble from the doorway to the level of a mud/plaster floor (as in E4)
  - A pilaster base was extracted from the fill in the doorway.

Observations

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Daily Drawing

