

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

Date: 072405 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	B0	B4	E2	E3	
Loci	L579	L566	L563	L567	
Baskets	2016	2019	2017	2018	
Walls	W510, W513, W521, W540, W574, W575				
Floors					

- Continued work in Square B0
  - Starting elevation = 130.49 (mosaic floor; rest of square is higher)
  - Ending elevation = 130.63
  - Soil is Horizon C
  - Continues removing the fill.
  - Still have difficulty identifying the interior of W575
  - Opened the blocked doorway to the chancel. There are two phases: initially there was a standard door that could be locked from inside the prothesis. It was 1.13m wide. In a later phase the door was transformed into a narrower passageway (0.81m wide). Fragments of plaster remain from the passageway. Later the passageway was completely blocked. The width of W521 is 0.86m.
  - A fixture, perhaps a bench, began to emerge on the north wall (W540) in the northeast corner.
  
- Continued work in Square B4
  - Starting elevation = 130.88
  - Ending elevation = 130.88
  - Soil is Horizon C
  - Final cleaning around the cistern was completed. On the southeast side of the cistern head is catch basin for water to flow into the cistern (presumably from the room).
  - Additional measurements:
    - Room east to west 6.23
    - Room north to south 5.63

- North wall (W510) west to east (all measurements from NW corner of south vaulted chamber)
      - 0.74 to inside of west door
      - 0.84 to inside of west jamb (opening to church)
      - 1.88 to vault base (inside of east door)
      - 0.89 doorway opening on church side
      - 2.40 to east side of west vault base
      - 4.11 and 4.63 to second vault base
- Continued work in Square E2
  - Starting elevation = 131.64
  - Ending elevation = 130.99
  - Soil is Horizon A
  - Began to clear area west of the stylobate
  - Removed the floating wall (W513)
  - Stairs may be emerging next to W574 (north side). Steeps are made of limestone blocks. The first stair is at 130.76, the second at 130.99.
- Continued work in Square E3
  - Starting elevation = 130.25
  - Ending elevation = 130.25
  - Soil is Horizon B
  - Final cleaning and photography.
  - Both W574 and W562 rest on dirt above 130.25
- Conservation of mosaic in nave
  - Continued to clean and conserve edges
  - More crosses on south side of nave (identical to those in from of chancel). Perhaps a band containing these patterns surrounded the nave.
- Cistern C
  - Re-examined (jumped off ladder and used rope to get back to ladder)
  - East-west 2.70
  - North-south 4.70
  - Dirt pile 2.10m (to eye level plus 40 cm)

- Throat to 4.5m above floor
- Total depth 6.3m
- Throat diameter 90-120cm

Observations

Daily Drawing

