

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

Date: ___25 July___ Area: ___NEC_____ Manager: ___Schuler_____

Squares	B0	E2			
Loci	L579	L563			
Baskets	2021	2020			
Walls	W540, W575				
Floors	F580				

- Continued work in Square B0
 - Starting elevation = 130.63
 - Ending elevation = 130.46
 - Soil is Horizon C
 - Completed excavation of room.
 - There is a blocked doorway to the east (W575)
 - There is a bench on the north wall (W540) at elevation 131.00
 - Several marble fragments were retrieved from the rubble (table, tray?)
 - Mosaic floor (F580) essentially intact (to be documented). Noteworthy are two 17 cm flared crosses in red and black on the south side of the room near the entrance to the chancel.

- Continued work in Square E2
 - Starting elevation = 130.99
 - Ending elevation = 130.66
 - Soil is Horizon A/B
 - If steps exist, they serve to provide access to the second story of the domestic space.
 - No clear pavement for atrium has surfaced. Neither have any walls. Were stones robbed out?
 - In E4 and E3, we recovered heavy volumes of domestic pottery. In E2 the volume is significantly less.

- Conservation
 - Continues to stabilize mosaic in the nave
 - Stabilized plaster in the entrance to the prothesis (131.07)

- Continued cleaning the mosaic. One pattern to emerge is Avi-Yonah pattern J3. The second is a sauvastika (a counter-clockwise swastika).

Observations

Open access to the chancel strikes me as unusual. Must check for parallels.

