

Hippus (Sussita) Excavations 2007 – 8th Season Daily Log + Drawing

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| Squares | A4 | C5 | F0 | E8 | Nave | Drawing | |
| Loci | L1219 | surface | L563 | L548 | | | |
| Baskets | 2137 | none | 2136 | 2135 | | | |
| Walls | W559 | | | | | | |
| Floors | | | | | | | |

- Began work in Square F0
 - Starting elevation = 131.354
 - Ending elevation = average north side of wall = 131.234; average of the wall = 131.404; average south side of wall = 131.146
 - Soil is horizon A
 - Two coins were retrieved from about 3cm below the surface (Item 210 and Coin 211). They were 2m from the north side of the square and 75-80 cm from the west end of the square. A field reading of the coins places them in early 4th century (before Constantine).
 - Two other coins were recovered from the surface outside the square (Item 213 and 213).
 - An east west wall (continuation of L553?) seems to be emerging. Other walls in a north/south direction seem to be possibilities.
- Continued work in Square E8
 - Starting elevation = 129.50
 - Ending elevation = same
 - Soil is Horizon B
 - Continued to level the square.
 - Some of the street pavers are missing, especially in the southern half of the square.
- Continued conservation work on the nave.
 - Floor is completely uncovered.
 - We removed a capital from a section of floor west of the south stylobate, so it can be cleaned

- Began work in Square C5
 - Starting elevation = 132.250
 - Ending elevation = 132.034
 - Soil is horizon A
 - Removed surface rubble.
 - Possible north south wall on the line of W559
- Began work in Square A4
 - Starting elevation = 133.55
 - Ending elevation = 132.915
 - Soil is horizon A
 - Continued to remove Horizon A soil for the westerly three meters of the square
 - Nothing but loose fill to a meter from the northern square boundary.
- Continued work on Square A5
 - Starting elevation = northeast room (L1225) is 132.343; cordo area (L1222) inside the church boundaries is 132.078
 - Ending elevations = 132.124 (L1226; cordo area)
 - Soil is Horizon B in L1226.
 - To avoid confusion, we are phasing out L1222 and merging it with L1219. So all Horizon A soil east of the church will be L1219.
 - Stopped work at the northern edge of the square. We plan to clear the entire Horizon A soil layer from A4 and A3 up to the apse. Then we will back up and do the same with layers of horizon B

Observations
