



Hippos (Sussita) 2003 – 4rd Season

Locus Card

Locus No. L542

Archaeological Context

Locus Status: open

Locus Type: Fill

Field Manager: Schuler

Area: Northeast Church:

Opening Date: 28 July

Opening Height: 130.63

Closing Date:

Closing Height: 130.49

Locus Location

General Description of Borders:

Fill directly over F538 in the north aisle.

Loci

Below	Above	North	South	West	East	Identical
L501	F538	W521	Nave	W511	Unexcavated Square C1	
					Base of chancel screen	

	X coordinate	Y coordinate
North East	511.55	601.62
South West	514.60	597.52

General Description and Soil Analysis

C horizon - light gray (10YR 7/2) dry, very stony sandy loam, grayish brown (10YR 5/2) moist; massive; firm, hard in places near the floor; 10 percent pebbles, 10 percent cobbles, 20 percent stones; assumed to be calcareous (by color).

Chronology of Excavation

28 July

- In Square D1
 - Starting elevation = 130.63
 - Ending elevation = 130.49
 - Began to expose mosaic floor and stylobate.

- A raised ridge of stones (3-4cm wide) runs parallel to the west wall (2.16m to the east). It runs from the west edge of the stylobate toward the bench, turning to the east and connecting with the front of the bench.
- To the east of this ridge is white mosaic (average 1.5cm²). The raised ridge is 5-7cm above the mosaic. This mosaic is identical to the repair mosaic in the south aisle. As the raised ridge clearly connects the mosaic to the bench, we therefore identify the mosaic repairs and benches in both aisles as common secondary features (possibly also in common with F516 in the chancel).
- At the edge of the balk, some of the mosaic forms the beginnings of a curved or circular pattern.
- Other sections of white (repair) mosaic are visible next to the west wall (W511) and south of the cistern head.
- The cistern head sits on one flat stone that extends 16cm to the south and two flat stones extending 82cm to the east
- There is no door to the north aisle of the church
- Exposed a column base of distinctly different style. It is a base only (no column)

29 July

- In Square D1
 - Starting elevation = 130.49
 - Ending elevation = 130.49
 - Cleaned and repaired interior of W511 and W521
 - Repaired collapsed area around cistern head with stones and concrete/plaster mix.
 - Finished cleaning F538 in D1

30 July

- In Square C1
 - Starting elevation = 130.93
 - Ending elevation = 130.68
 - Exposed the complete run of the stylobate and five column bases. CN1-4 are on the stylobate. CN5 sits on a plaster base.
 - The column bases in the north run are most irregular. All five are significantly different in profile and elevation
 - Elevation
 - CN1-131.45
 - CN2- 131.55
 - CN3- 131.13
 - CN4- 131.07
 - CN5- 131.04
 - Although CN1 parallels CS1, the gaps between columns in the north aisle are shorter: 1.76-1.8 between each except CN3 and CN4 where the gap is double (3.55) Perhaps a column base is missing.

Pottery and Small Finds

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Architectural Items

29 July

- From Square D1
 - 072 large basalt doorjamb with square boring

Concluding Remarks

North aisle is only partially excavated.