

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2006 – 7th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 18 July Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	C/D2	D4	F3
Loci		L1205	L1206 L563 L657
Baskets		2098	2095 2096 2097
Walls	W510, W513, W574, W1201, W1207, W1208, W1210		
Floors	F544, F589, F1202		

- Continued conservation work in Square C/D2 (Nave)
 - Cleaning of nave continued.
 - Noted a variety of patterns of swastika (some clockwise, some counterclockwise)
 - Raised some fragments of the top floor (F589)
- Continued work in Square D4
 - Starting elevation = 130.626 (stone floor north of W1201 and east of ridge); 130.956 (ridge cleaned); 130.716 (western section north of W1201)
 - Ending elevation = 131.200 (south of W1201)
 - Soil is Horizon B
 - North of W1201 there is stone paving to the east, then a low wall (W1210) 60cm wide.
 - In the SW corner of W1210 and W1201 there is a basin with a drain running to cistern C (presumably)
 - In the NW corner of W1210 and W510 is a similar basin. Its drainage is uncertain. We presume these two basins are the reason for the low wall (W1210).
 - South of W1201 we removed misc. destruction fill with lots of pottery shard and some bones. We are still about .5m above street level.
- Continued work in square F3

- Starting elevation = 130.391 (north room facing west); 130.881 (east of new room); 130.701 (F1202 in F3)
- Ending elevation = 130.070 (threshold of W1208); 130.665 (Plaster floor F1217); 130.990 (bench/step east of and abutting W1207)
- Soil is Horizon B in the rooms and A in the northeast corner.
- North of W574 and west of W1207, we dug toward the level of the threshold.
- Again, we recovered a large quantity of domestic pottery. Along with the two partial feed boxes recovered earlier, the use of this space as agrarian domestic seems confirmed.
- East of W1207, we recovered a limestone shelf inscribed with a flaired cross. We also removed a lintel stone from the fill.
- On the east side of W1207 and abutting it is some sort of structure (bench/step) of uncertain function. It seems too wide for a bench (in comparison with other benches on the site).
- East of this structure is a plaster floor at a level above the stylobate. Perhaps it was connected with the earlier floating wall (W513).

Observations

Daily Drawing



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Northeast Church Complex
Hippios 2006



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