

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

Date: 19 July Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	C/D2	D0	D4	F3
Loci		L536	L1205	L1206
Baskets		2101	2100	2099
Walls	W513, W540, W574, W1201, W1207, W1208, W1210			
Floors	F544, F589, F1214			

- Continued conservation work in Square C/D2 (Nave)
 - Cleaning of nave continued.
- Continued work in Square D4
 - Starting elevation = 131.200 (south of W1201)
 - Ending elevation = 130.91
 - Soil is Horizon B
 - More on the two basins east of W1210...
 - The north basin is 50cm (N/S) x 40cm of uncertain height (partially destroyed. The north basin drains to the south; another possible lower drain is to the southwest. But the bottom of this basin is uncertain.
 - The south basin is 60cm x 60 cm and is 33cm deep. The south basin drains to the west.
- Continued work in square F3
 - Starting elevation = 130.070 (threshold of W1208)
 - Ending elevation = 129.924
 - Soil is Horizon B
 - Continued to try and find plaster floor nor of W574 and west of W1207. May have reached it on the east side of the room
 - Next to the western edge of the square, a domestic mill was discovered (but not recovered) 1.38 m below the surface. The handle measured 18cm square on the outside and 12x13 cm on the inside.
 - There may be a stone surface below the mill.

- East of W1207 the plaster floor (F1214) is unexpected. It is at a level above the stylobate and runs to the bench/step next to W1207. The bench/step is 60-70cm wide, almost twice the width of other benches in the church. Only possible connection is with W513.
- Reopened D0
 - Starting elevation = 131.623
 - Ending elevation = 130.98
 - Soil is Horizon A
 - Reopened the north side of D0 north of W540 to determine if the pillar in the wall stands on a stylobate. If it does, the church may be built on a temenos.
 - About a meter of soil was removed at a distance of about a meter from the drum in both directions.
 - A column drum of 56cm in length sits on another column part.

Observations

Daily Drawing



2m

Northeast Church Complex
Hippos 2006



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