

A detail of the west side of the dining room floor mosaic depicts a processional and shows the skill of the ancient mosaic craftsmen. The stone cubes are called tesserae. The colors run all the way through the cubes. The tesserae are set into plaster upon a firm bedding of well-drained gravel or stone. In a solemn processional such as this, participants ride donkeys and dress in fine clothes. One figure (far right) is carrying a vessel of some kind which may contain water or wine. A second figure (far left) appears to be carrying offerings of dried fruit.