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SAVAS C. TSIVICOS

A native son of Paphos, Cyprus, Savas C. Tsivicos was born and raised in a small farming community in the village of Innia. In 1982 Savas left Cyprus for America drawn by educational and business opportunities, willing and determined to continue the hard work. One may say that Savas' "American life" can be described as the embodiment of dreams, hopes and aspirations of thousands of immigrants who arrive in the United States to construct decent lives.

In May of 1986 he graduated with high honors from Fairleigh Dickinson University with a Bachelor's Degree and in May of 1996 he earned an MBA in Management from the same University. Two years later, he was awarded a Master's Degree from George Washington University in Public Administration.

Distinguished for his scholastic aptitude, he received numerous awards and honors from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Such awards include the Senior Leader Recognition Award, the Wall Street Journal Outstanding Academic Achievement Award and membership in several National Honor Societies such as the Phi Zeta Kappa and the Phi Omega Epsilon, the University's Junior and Senior Honor Societies and the Delta Mu Delta, National Honor's Society in Business Administration. His name is listed in the Who's Who Amongst Students in American Universities and Colleges, in the 1992 edition of Who's Who Among Rising Young Americans in American Society and Business and in the 1994-1995 edition of Who's Who Worldwide of Business Leaders, He is a Member of Leadership 100 Endowment Fund of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and a Founder of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation.

Endowed with sound leadership qualities and a passion for dedicated work, Savas has made a name for himself as a man of vision in pursuit of a better world. His sense of duty has taken him on the road to political and community involvement. Starting in 1987 he has participated in several presidential, congressional, senatorial, gubernatorial, state and local election campaigns. From 1992 through 1999 he served as a member of the Ethnic Advisory Council of New Jersey for former Governor Florio and Governor Christine Whitman.

The strongest element in his life is, undoubtedly, a prevailing sense of community involvement. On March 21, 1999 he was elected President of the Cyprus Federation of America, an umbrella organization representing all Cypriot Americans, where he has served since 1989 through various positions. In 2001 he was elected to serve a second two-year term. Since 1998 he has been a Member of the Archdiocesan Council of the Greek Orthodox Church of America. Since 2006, he is serving on the Metropolitan Council of the Metropolis of NJ and presently as Chairman of the Finance Committee. In 1997 the highest honor to be conferred upon a layman, an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate followed. Imbued with determination to bring justice and freedom for Cyprus, Savas has served as Vice President and from 1993 to 2006 he served as Alternate President of the International Coordinating Committee Justice for Cyprus and from 1991 through 1997 he served as Chairman of the Justice for Cyprus Committee of the Cyprus Federation of America. In 1995 he joined the Advisory Board of the Center for Byzantine & Modern





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Greek Studies of Queens College, New York. He was also on the Board of Directors of the NJ Greek-American Chamber of Commerce and served as its chairman and President of the Board. He also served on the Board of Directors of Cosmos FM, a non-profit Greek-American daily radio from 1995-2003 and Chairman of the Board from 2001-2003. From 2000 to 2003 He served on the advisory board of the School of International relations and diplomacy of Seton Hall University. From 2014 to 2018 Savas served four years as President of the Hellenic Federation of New Jersey, an umbrella organization representing 45 organizations in the state of New Jersey.

A man proud of his ethnic heritage, he and a handful of others, founded the Panpaphian Association of America in 1987. He has served two terms as the Association's President, first in 1991 and then in 1997. As Chairman of the American Hellenic Institute Public Affairs Committee from 1995 to 1998, Savas' strong advocacy for the human rights and basic freedoms of the people of Cyprus became a familiar voice in the U.S. Senate and Congress.

In 1988, he was awarded a certificate of recognition by the President of Cyprus Mr. George Vassiliou for his contributions to the Cyprus cause. In 1996 he was presented with the Achievement Award from the Greek American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey. A year later, he was awarded the NECO Ellis Island Medal of Honor Award, a meritorious award reserved for distinguished Americans who exemplify the spirit of hope that accompanied countless immigrants to the United States. In 1999 Savas received the Evagoras Pallikarides Award of Merit from the Panpaphian Association of America. In 2005, Savas was honored as the AHEPAN of the Year by the John G. Thevos Fifth District for his outstanding work as an AHEPAN in recognition of his service in promoting all the values of the Order with pride, leadership, and honor. In July 2016, he was awarded the Medal of Exceptional Service to Cyprus by the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr. Nico Anastasiades. In 2018, he was honored with the Humanitarian and Philanthropic Award by the Cyprus Children's Fund. In 2018, he was honored with the Alexander the Great Community Service Award by the Hellenic Federation of NJ. In November of 2021, he was honored with the "Medal of Saint Paul", by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, the highest honor of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. He served 8 years as President of the Thomas A. Edison Chapter No. 287 where his contributions earned his chapter a Certificate of Merit as the most improved chapter in the 5th District and an Award of Excellence for most new members at the 2005 Annual District Convention. In 2011, He was honored by his chapter as AHEPAN of the Year for his contribution to his chapter, the Community and Hellenism. In the same year he was elected Governor of District 5 after serving 5 years on the district lodge. He has served for several years as chairman of the National Issues Committee of the Order AHEPA before elected to the Supreme Lodge where he served two terms as Supreme Treasurer and he is currently the Supreme Secretary.

Savas Tsivicos is a source of inspiration and strength in the Greek community, but his true wealth lies in his vision and exceptional humanitarian efforts to enrich the lives of others in an admirable way. As National President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Cyprus Children's Fund for 13 years, a charitable foundation currently sponsoring 500 children, he has performed inspirational work. Under his leadership, hundreds of thousands of dollars were sent to Cyprus to help needy children and annual scholarships in excess of \$50,000 are being awarded yearly to students of Cypriot descent studying in the USA. He presently serves as Honorary Chairman and Member of the Board of Directors. He is presently



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the Secretary General of the Pangregorian Enterprises Charitable Foundation. In 2017, he was honored by the First Lady of Cyprus, Mrs. Andri Anastasiades, for his humanitarian efforts for the needy children and children with special needs of Cyprus. He was also very involved with the children of his community where he offered his services as Soccer Coach for the Township of Ocean Recreation Program. In the words of Winston Churchill “we make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give”, Savas does just that.

Savas is the CEO of Cypreco Industries, Inc., a construction, consulting, engineering, and construction management company specializing in Government contracts and commercial projects. He is married to Maria Gregos, and they have three children, Haralambos, Ellpetha and Evangelos ages 36, 34, and 31. They worship at the St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Ocean, New Jersey where Savas served six terms as President of the community. Under his leadership the dream of a generation, the building of new church complex in Ocean Township started in 2009 and was completed in less than 3 years! The Tsivicos’ reside in Wayside, New Jersey.