

“The Russian National Character: The Motherland (Rodina) and National Cultural Identity”

A talk by Tony Kevin for Pushkin Club of Canberra, 2 May 2021)

Venue; St John the Baptist Church Community Hall, Narrabundah, Canberra

Main themes

Russian landscape: forest and steppe

Elites’ rediscovery of Russian identity after Napoleonic Wars

Russia becomes a multicultural space. The ‘Русский мир’

Class and the role of the creative intelligentsia

Some key words about Russianness

Religious faith, stoicism and optimism

Family and community

Exile and return

War: invasion and remembrance

Road in the Rye



Tersk Horse



Vladimirka



Ryefields



Bronze Horseman



Marshal Georgy Zhukov



Pushkin



Winter Landscape, Suzdal



Boldino



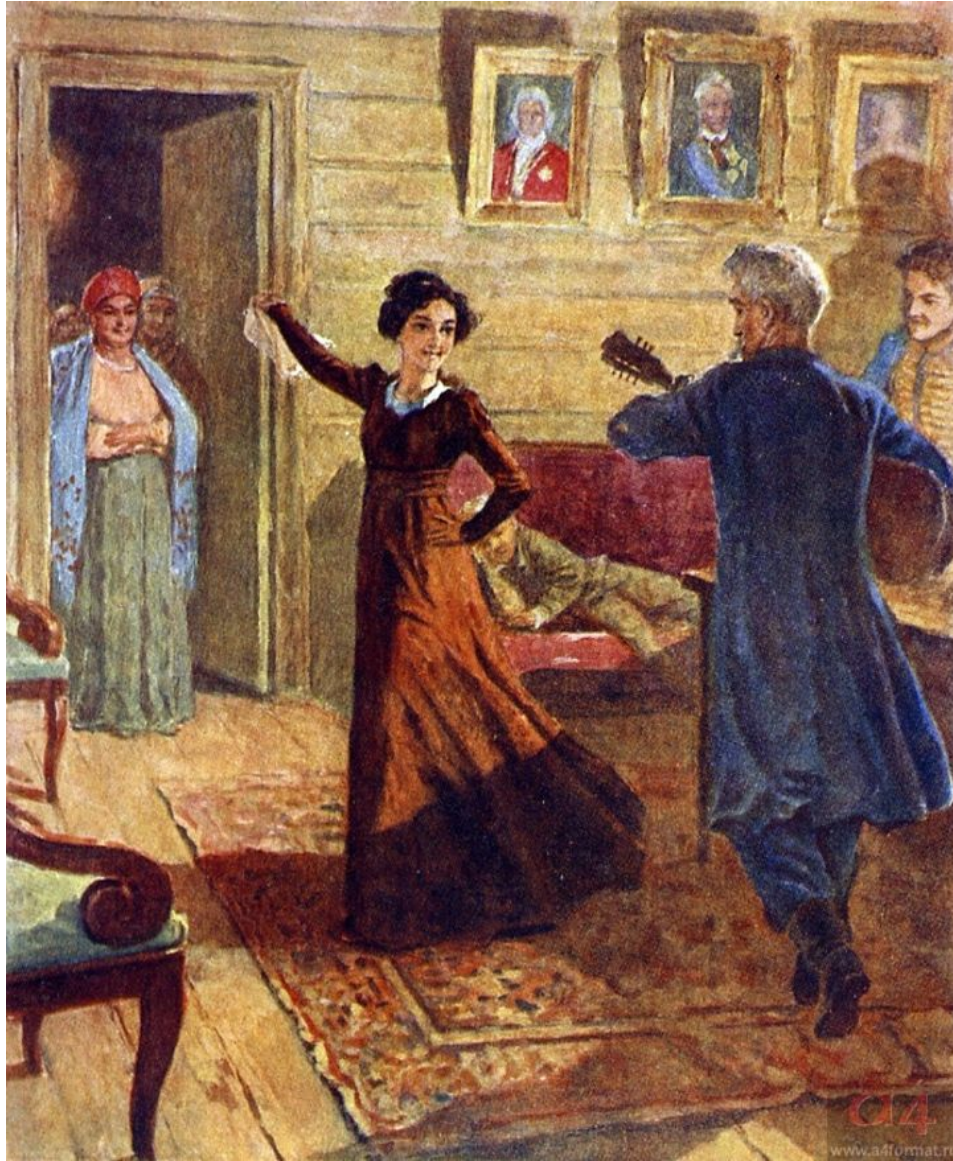
Varykino



Lara



Natasha's dance



Cossacks



Tolstoy



Chekhov



Vassily Grossman



Stalingrad monument



Богоматерь Умиление



Cathedral of Christ the Saviour



Cathedral interior



‘We weren’t expecting you’ – Repin,



Bessertny Polk parade, Moscow



Marshal Georgy Zhukov

