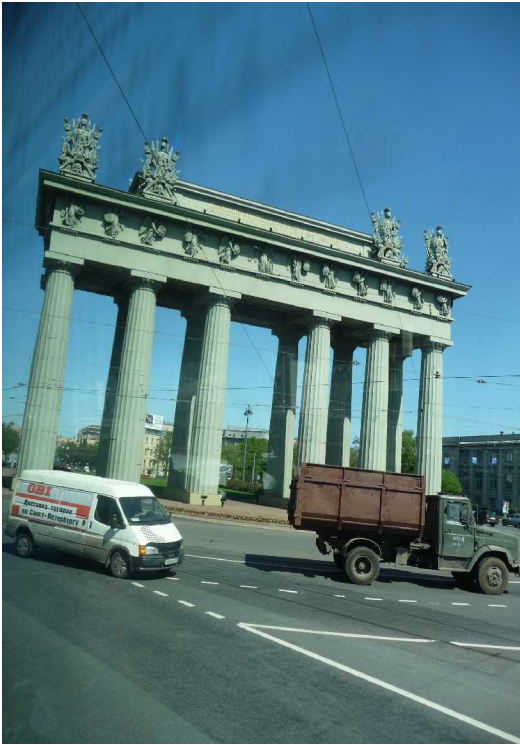


**ST. PETERSBURG THE 19<sup>TH</sup>, 20<sup>TH</sup> AND 21<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY**  
**To Pushkin and The Catherine Palace in the afternoon the 19<sup>th</sup> of May.**

In the morning we had been on a sightseeing trip in St. Petersburg. Here we are on the way to Pushkin and the [Catherine Palace](#).



Large buildings.

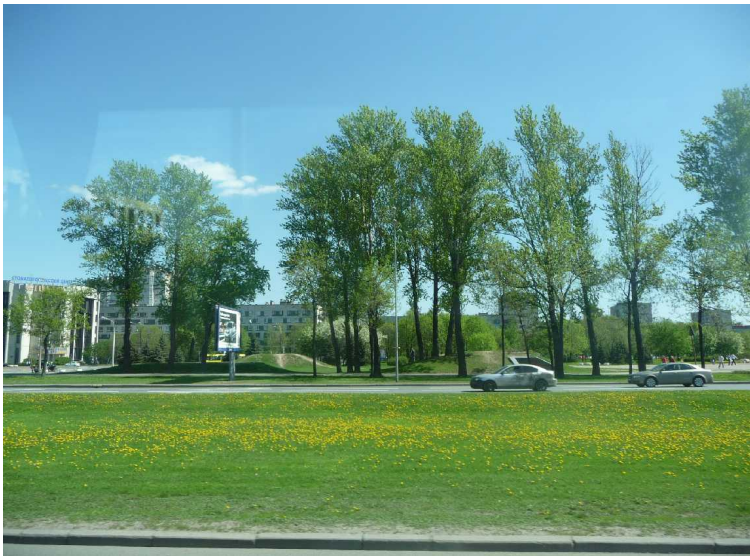
[The Moscow Triumphal Arch](#). It was built in memory of the victory in the Russian/Turkish war in 1828. Most of the construction is in cast iron.



This is a [monument](#) for the heroic defenders of St. Petersburg during the [900 days long siege](#) during WWII. It lies in the middle of a large roundabout at one of the main roads from south into St. Petersburg.

The monument seen from above.





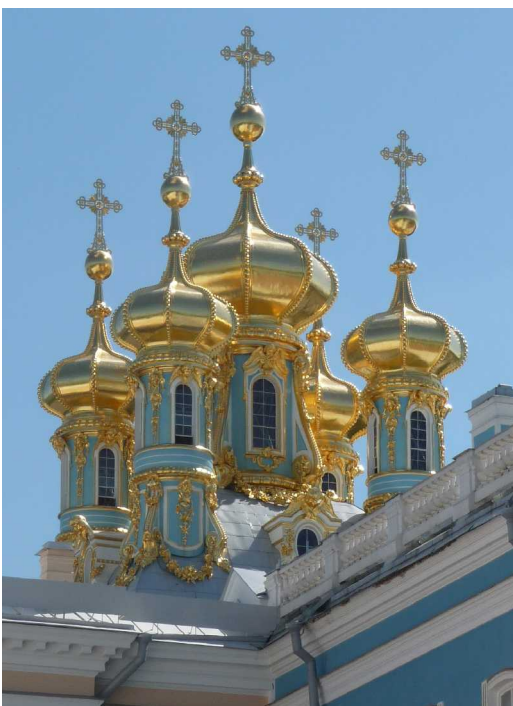
Right south of this lies the [Gorodov-Geroyev park](#).



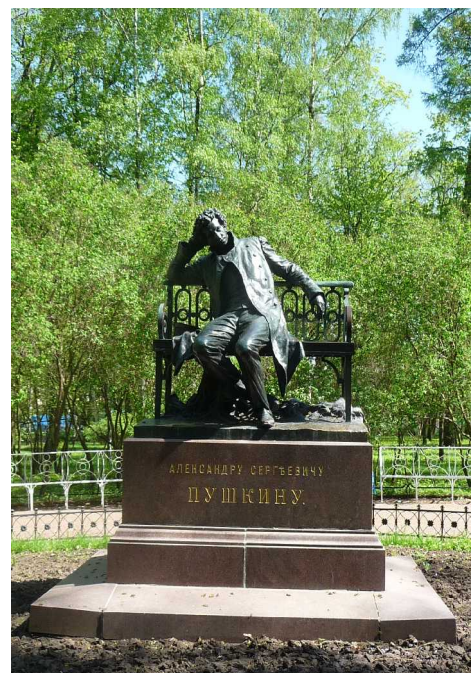
Funny poster. Whoever touches this cigarette gets a snap of the fingers.



We are now approaching Pushkin.



The first we notice are these golden domes.

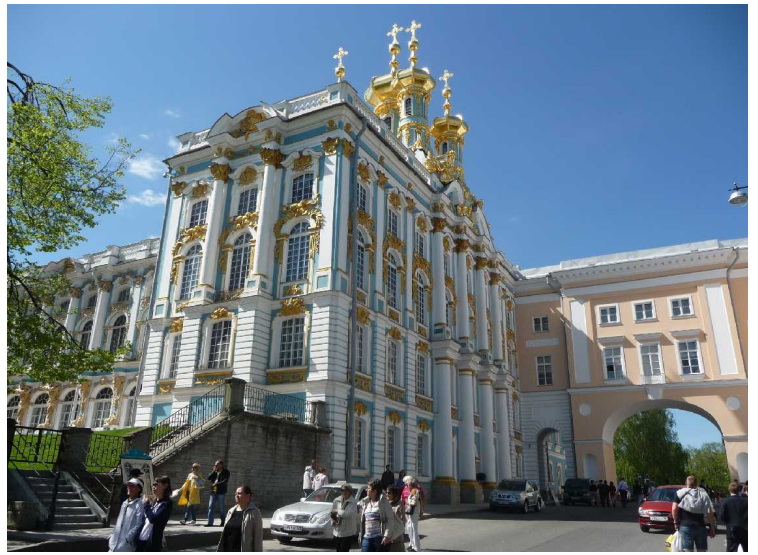


Here sits [Aleksandr Pusjkin](#). He is regarded as Russia's greatest poet.

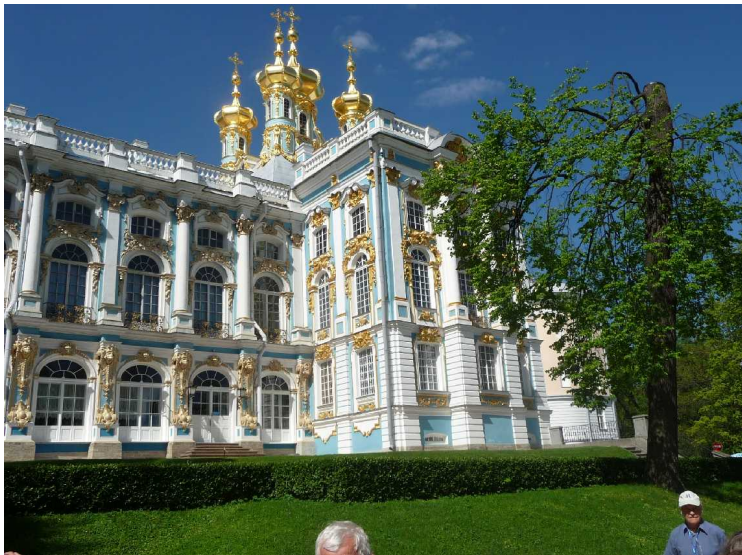




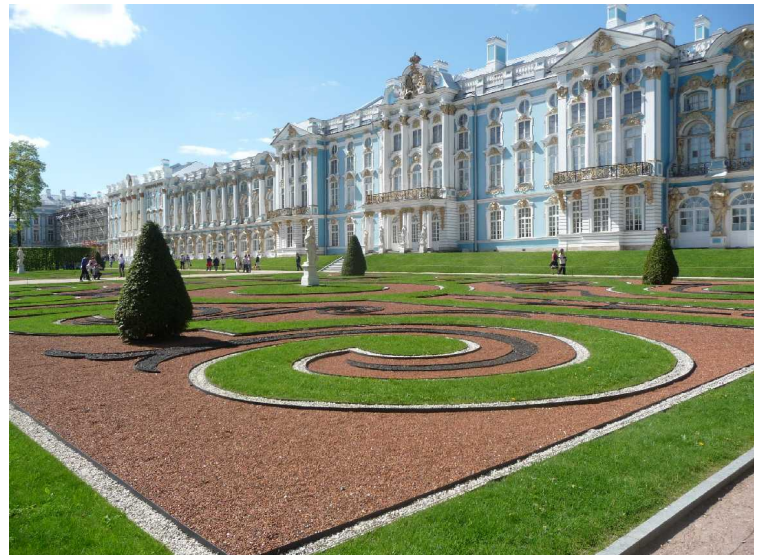
A limousine arrived too.



Here we are walking to the park in front of the Catherine Palace. The Palace is from 1717 when Catherine I built it. Her daughter, Elisabeth I, thought it was unfashionable and rebuilt approximately as it is now.



This is the side that faces the garden. Elisabeth I used over 100 kg of gold for the decorations.



Here the grass is neatly cut.



The front seen from another angle.

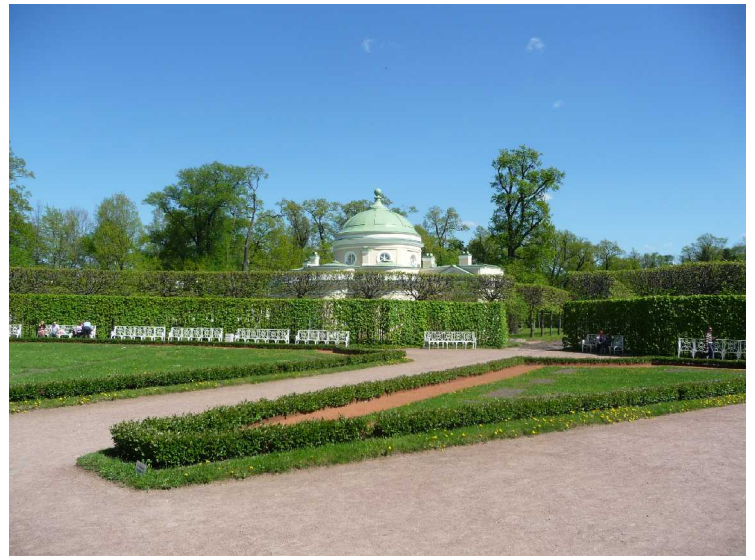


Here we have moved down in the garden.





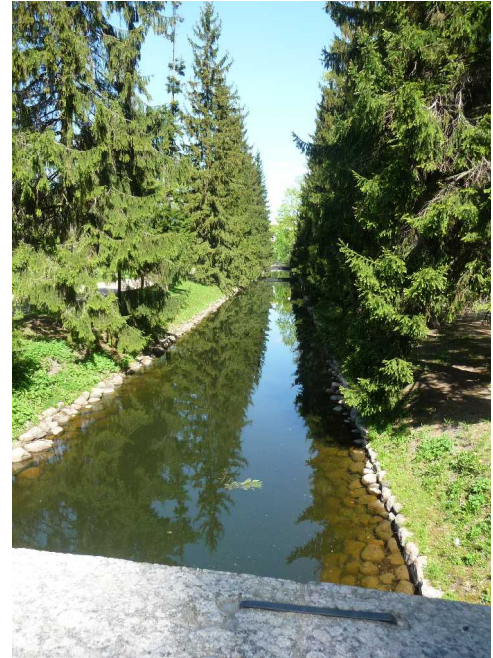
This is the Alexander palace. It was built by Catherine II for the wedding of her favorite grandchild, to become Alexander I.



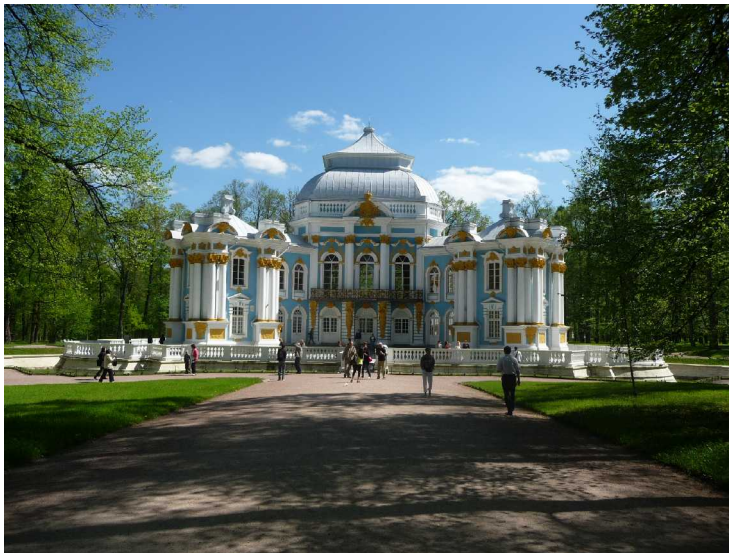
Further down into the park lies the upper bathhouse.



The bathhouse.



A canal.

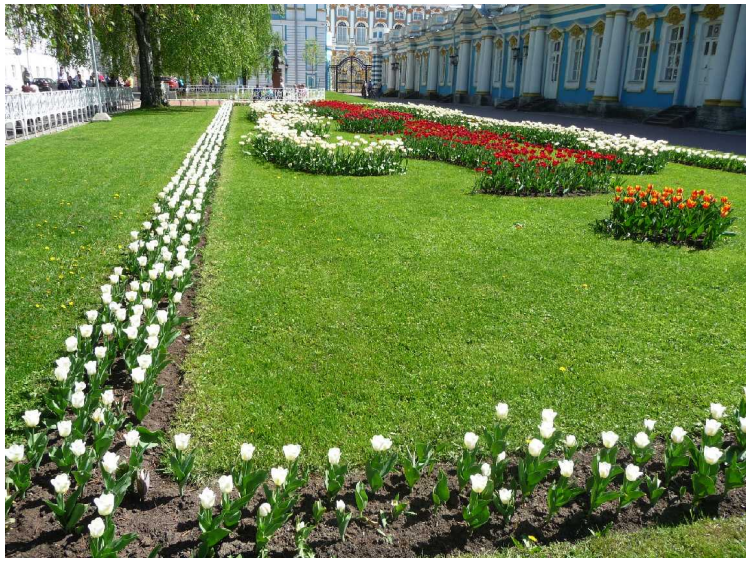


Farthest down lies a pavilion.



A bridge over the canal.





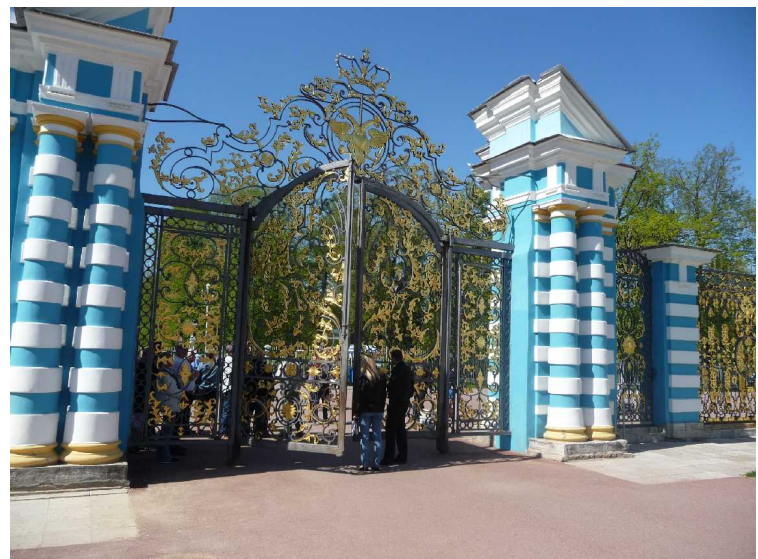
The garden once more.



The entrance is on the opposite side of the gardens. Here we are going through the gate and the counting apparatus.



Inside the courtyards.



The gate from the inside.

Below follows a series of pictures from inside the palace.

