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Glory

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Description

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Formerly: With its broad wooden patio and arched windows, it's easy to imagine this cozy little brick cottage perched on a windswept Atlantic coastline. Instead, you'll find it plunked down in the heart of Bucktown, but the New England accent isn't accidental. Glory's owner and chef, Rhode Island native Sharon Cohen, brings the best of the Eastern seaboard to the Midwest, offering traditional fare from New England. The unusual culinary focus has made this little eatery a popular destination restaurant for patrons from all over Chicago, while its moderate prices have attracted local diners as well.

A quick glance at the menu reveals all of the standard treats a connoisseur of New England fare would love: lobster roll, fried clams, jonnycakes, and, of course, clam "chowda" (as it's billed on the menu). For bigger appetites, there's Yankee pot roast, complete with mashed potatoes, and a "lazy man's clambake," consisting of lobster, mussels, cod, sausage and potatoes.

As a tribute to the some of the lesser-sung founders of our country, Glory also offers a few Portuguese- and Italian-inspired meals, including a version of caldo verde (a mix of chicken, chourico sausage, clams, potatoes and kale) and fried calamari. Trendier offerings include the

seared tuna steak sandwich and the mixed mushroom fondue, a heady blend of wine, red onion, gruyere and blue cheese. Also look for daily specials (called "Glorious Plates") as well as a fish of the day.

Glory's decor matches the menu, with a spare, clean interior of exposed brick and white walls, set off by taupe and grey accents. Thankfully, Cohen has kept the New England details subtle, sparingly accenting the interior with regional food items (maple syrup, salt water taffy), a few state maps. The overall effect: regional authenticity and an elegant but casual dining experience. (Kay Daly)

Directions

Take the Blue line to Damen and head north on Damen. Glory sits on the west side of Damen, just south of Armitage.

Hours

Lunch: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday
Dinner: 5 p.m.-11 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
Brunch: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday
Closed Monday

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